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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

MINISTRY OF SHIPPING.

A REPORT ON ITS WORK.

London, January 6.
The final report of the Select Committee on National Expenditure deals with the Ministry of Shipping, and finds its work, as a whole, most efficient. The main subject for criticism is the expenditure on National ship-yards, the loss on which must be most heavy, but the stress of war justified the scheme for building fabricated ships on a great scale. There was insufficient control of expenditure, especially during the period preceding the armistice, but the utmost allowance must be made for the difficulties of the situation. The cost of concrete vessels, for which the Shipping Controller was not responsible, was much heavier than was anticipated, the cost of a concrete barge averaging £27,500 as compared with £17,000 for a steel barge. The committee approves the decision of the Ministry to sell ship-yards. As regards the work of the Ministry generally, the policy of the Controller since the Armistice had been to restore shipping most rapidly to normal commercial conditions, but this is affected by the operations of the Ministry of Food, the Admiralty, the War Office, and especially by the congestion in the Ports. Sixty million tons of imports were handled annually before the war without delay, but now forty million tons were handled with difficulty, owing to the accumulation of Government cargoes.

TOWARDS PROHIBITION.

A WORLD-WIDE CAMPAIGN.

London, January 5.
The Times correspondent at New York says that the Anti-Saloon League is starting almost immediately a world prohibition campaign, backed by a fund of £10,000,000. Britain, which is described as "the keystone of the world liquor traffic arch," will be first the country attacked, but the operations will be conducted from Washington in practically every country of the world, from Scotland to Japan. Organisers of the movement declare that if Japan adopted national prohibition it would have a profound effect upon the entire East.

PORT CONGESTION.

GOVERNMENT CARGOES CAUSING DELAYS.

London, January 6.
The congestion at the ports continues to be severely felt. It appears that Government cargoes accumulate at the ports, instead of being rapidly disposed of. Ships are delayed many days in port awaiting discharge. At present, of eighteen ships discharging tea for London twelve are awaiting their turn in the river.

DEATH OF LORD CUNLIFFE.

London, January 5.
The death is announced of Lord Cunliffe at the age of 63. He was a former Governor of the Bank of England and had been a director of the Bank since 1895. He did valuable work during the war, including a financial mission to the United States. For this he was raised to the Peerage.

FLYING TO AUSTRALIA.

London, January 6.
The Air Ministry announces that Capt. Matthews, who is flying to Australia, arrived at Constantinople on December 23 from Belgrade. He is proceeding to Bagdad.

POLES CAPTURE DVINSK.

London, January 6.
The Times correspondent at Warsaw, writing on January 5, says the Poles have captured Dvinsk.

THE PEACE TREATY.

TO BE RATIFIED ON JANUARY 10.

Paris, January 6.
An agreement has definitely been reached with the German Delegation on the formula for negotiating the delivery of naval material as compensation for the fleet scuttled at Scapa Flow. Nothing now hinders the ratification of the Treaty. The exchange of ratifications is fixed for the afternoon of January 10.

THE SIBERIAN CAMPAIGN.

HEAVY JAPANESE REINFORCEMENTS.

New York, January 6.
According to a message from Honolulu it is reported from Tokyo that heavy Japanese reinforcements are being rushed to Irkutsk to aid Admiral Koltchak's forces.

ESTHONIAN FIGHTING.

BOLSHEVIKS BREAK THE ARMISTICE.

Stockholm, January 5.
An Estonian communique dated January 3rd says the Armistice began at 10.30 this morning, but the Bolsheviks at noon opened fire against Estonian workers on the Narva front, breaking the Armistice.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

Amritsar, December 30.
The Indian National Congress unanimously passed a resolution demanding that, in view of the revelations contained in the evidence at the Hunter Commission, General Dyer be removed from his Command; also that in view of Sir Michael O'Dwyer's endorsement of firing on the crowd at Jallianwala Bagh and the brutal treatment of Punjabis, the British Government be requested to relieve him of his duties as a member of the Esher Committee as a preliminary to legal proceedings.

LATEST SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

THE WEISS MURDER.

TWO CHINESE IN CUSTODY.

Shanghai, January 8.
Two Chinese are being held in connection with the Weiss murder last August.
One accuses the other of pulling a ricksha to Yangtzepoon.
The Police are investigating details and checking up the accusation.

THE S.S. "NIPPON".

ASHORE NEAR SINGAPORE.

Singapore, January 9.
A large steamer having gone ashore 25 miles from here—at Tree Island, between Raffles Light and Pulau Pesang—the Harbour Board tug Veruna was sent out and identified the vessel as the Swedish steamer Nippon.
The Agents' lighters have been sent out to unload the cargo of 4,000 tons.
The Nippon was on her way from Sweden to the East and was not expected to call at Singapore.

THE SHANGHAI TAXES.

WILL THE CHINESE PAY?

Shanghai, January 8.
The latest decision is to start the tax collections on Thursday morning. The Police are to escort the collectors.
Indications this afternoon forecast a refusal by the Chinese to pay.

CHINA'S FIRST AERO CLUB.

Shanghai, January 8.
The first Aero Club in China was formed here to-day.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

ANYO MARU SAFE.

Singapore, January 7.
A wire received from Saigon says that the Anyo Maru, which had been reported overdue, has arrived safely there.

H. M. S. HAWKINS AT PENANG.

Singapore, January 8.
H. M. S. Hawkins beat the Malakoff team in Penang by two goals to one in football, and also the Cricket Club by three goals to nil.
The Hawkins left Penang on Wednesday.

RAFFLES COLLEGE.

Singapore, January 8.
A meeting of Raffles College Committee held yesterday accepted the donation of \$150,000 by Mr. Oil Tiong Ham of Samarang. The chairman announced the receipt of \$917,000 in individual donations and \$810,000 of annuities, a good deal of this money being earmarked for scholarships.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE RAILWAY SITUATION.

SOME GOOD OMENS.

London, January 7.
At the Railway Conference the election of Mr. Abraham as Chairman was a success for the Moderates. This is regarded as a good omen.
Indications of to-day's meeting confirms the summary of the situation cabled on the 5th inst., namely, that a hasty rejection of the terms is not anticipated, that a strike crisis probably would not follow rejection and that a ballot of members may be ordered.
The delegates to-day showed a general desire for further information as regards the grades which are still the subject of negotiation and more adequate explanations of the terms from the negotiating committee. Furthermore, it is stated that there is no intention of forcing the hands of the Executive.
Meanwhile, the statement by Mr. Thomas, foreshadowing how a settlement is possible (cabled yesterday) is interpreted as meaning that further negotiations with the Government are possible.

WELL-KNOWN PHYSICIAN DEAD.

London, January 6.
The death is announced of Sir Thomas Richard Fraser, the eminent physician. He was in his 70th year.

FRENCH RAILWAY COLLISION.

TWENTY PERSONS INJURED.

Paris, January 6.
Two trains on the Paris-Versailles Railway collided at St. Cloud-Bridge where a single line was working owing to floods. Four coaches were splintered. Twenty persons were injured and sent to hospital.

A SUDAN MISSION.

Onit, January 5.
Field Marshal Allenby left for Sudan to-day, via the Red Sea. He meets King Hussein at Jeddah.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE RAILWAYMEN'S DISPUTE.

London, Jan. 4.
After lengthy negotiations the Government offer to railwaymen is announced. It provides that the lowest paid workers receive 56/- weekly and a large section of porters receive £3 as against £2- pre war. The new rate continues until September when revision will take place based on the cost of living but whatever happens wages cannot be brought below 100 per cent. over pre war figures. There is little doubt but that the railwaymen will accept.

London, Jan. 4.
Mr. J. H. Thomas, addressing a crowded meeting of railwaymen at Birmingham, said the Government's offer was not all that was wanted and was unregardable as a final aim but in view of all difficulties it was the best settlement possible. It was an honourable settlement and would bring lasting benefit to railwaymen. There might be anomalies but they could all be rectified later (applause).

Mass meetings of railwaymen have been held at Northampton, Cardiff and Bow, all important centres, and they have rejected the Government's offer for standardisation of wages.

London, Jan. 5.
The Newcastle, Carlisle and York railwaymen have joined the branches which turned down the Government offer, nevertheless confidence prevails that the Conference of delegates of the N. U. R. on the 7th will agree that the terms are acceptable though it is possible the extremists may press for another strike to enforce their claims.

DENIKIN'S ARMIES IN PERIL.

London, Jan. 4.
While the report of the "coup d'etat" at Denikin's Headquarters is regarded as dubious, it appears certain that Denikin's armies are in a position of imminent peril. The Bolsheviks are only thirty miles from Taganrog, which was recently Denikin's base in the Loea Donetz coal basin, and also the centre of all railway communications between his two armies. It appears unlikely that he will be able to prevent the Reds reaching the sea-board thus dissecting his forces. The Bolsheviks claim the capture of an entire division and enormous booty, also Tseretis the most important and strategic point on the Volga. Refugees are crowding into the ports in South Russia whence they are to be evacuated in accordance with the Supreme Council's decision. French critics attribute Denikin's failure to inability to organise the occupied territories and to his entourage upsetting the peasants and to lack of agreement with the Poles. The Rumanians urge the Allies to take steps to remedy these defects in the Spring. Meanwhile it is significant that a North Russian "White" newspaper hints that if the Allies forsake Russia, Germany might be asked to crush Bolshevism and reorganise Russia.

Copenhagen, Jan. 5.
An official message from the Left Bureau, dated the 3rd says the Left army, supported on the right wing by the Polish army has begun an offensive against the Bolsheviks in the direction of Dvinsk. This is developing favourably. The Lefts have reached a point a few kilometres from Dvinsk. The operations aim at liberating East Lettland from the Bolsheviks.
A message from Kiev says the Denikin Government has resigned owing to collapse at the front.

THE BOLSHEVIK MENACE.

London, Jan. 4.
Mr. Churchill, speaking at Sunderland, said the condition of Europe and Asia was desperate. Nobody could tell what would emerge from Russia but it would be something very menacing to civilisation and especially to the British Empire. New forces were springing up in Asia Minor. If the Russian Bolshevism and Turkish Mohammedanism joined hands the situation for Britain would be grave. Koltchak and Denikin had protected British interests in the past but the armies of Koltchak were almost gone and the armies of Denikin were in jeopardy. If they disappeared a serious danger would immediately arise. If Germany collapsed a serious situation would arise in Europe. We must be careful not to push Germany too far. The present German Government on the whole had met fairly the conditions of the Allies in the past year. We must prevent a possible combination of Kaiser militarism and German Bolshevism to destroy the German Republic. We could not get indemnities unless we traded with Germany as France and America were preparing to do.

THE SPEN VALLEY RESULT.

London, Jan. 4.
The Spen Valley result is generally regarded as a damaging blow to the Government in view of the fact that the free Liberals deliberately challenged the Coalition by putting up Sir John Simon, which challenge Lloyd George accepted by inducing Colonel Fairfax to stand as a Coalition Liberal although the local Liberal Association was solid for Simon. Labourites are elated at the result. They did not expect such a victory though prepared for a big poll after the recent elections. Myers has declared the electors voted in favour of nationalisation of the mines and a capital levy.

(Other Telegrams on Pages 2, 3 and 4.)

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 5s-7½d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—fine. Barometer:—30.09. Temperature 2 p.m.:—59. Humidity 2 p.m.:—82.

HONGKONG'S CROWDED GAOL.

TEMPORARY PRISON AT LAI-CHI-KOK.

GAOL IN NEW TERRITORIES LIKELY.

The increasing number of prisoners has produced congestion in Victoria Gaol and the first step towards meeting the demand for more accommodation is the transformation of the Lai-chi-kok Quarantine Station into a Prison, where some 200 prisoners are now lodged, pending the scheme of building a new Gaol.

The question of erecting a new Prison is now under consideration though no definite scheme has as yet been advanced. It is thought that the New Territories will offer the best site, but before any actual scheme is put into practice surveys will be necessary to secure a locality which offers the necessary conveniences of water supply, sanitation and, what is most important, rapid communication with other parts of the Colony.

THE STRANDED "KAIFONG."

FIRST ATTEMPT TO REFLOAT FAILS.

Our Haiphong correspondent writes as follows:—
The salvage party on the tug Taikoo arrived here on January 1st from the wreck of the China Navigation steamer Kaifong for stores, water etc. The vessel lies on the reef which is off the north-west end of Siang Lai Tao Island in a rather exposed position, being open to the sea from the north-east.

An endeavour was made on December 27th to heave the ship off, but the tide was scarcely high enough and the attempt had to be abandoned. It is thought, however, that the salvage party may be successful in moving the ship about January 7th, at spring tides, provided the sea is then fairly calm.

The salvage party do not consider that the ship is "badly" holed, although she will probably need quite a big overhaul to put her in running order again if she is got off. The salvage party is returning to the vessel to-morrow.

[On enquiry at Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's this morning, we were informed that so far no news of the refloating of the vessel has been received, their latest intimation being that it was hoped to get the ship off when the tides were higher.]

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TO-DAY.

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Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

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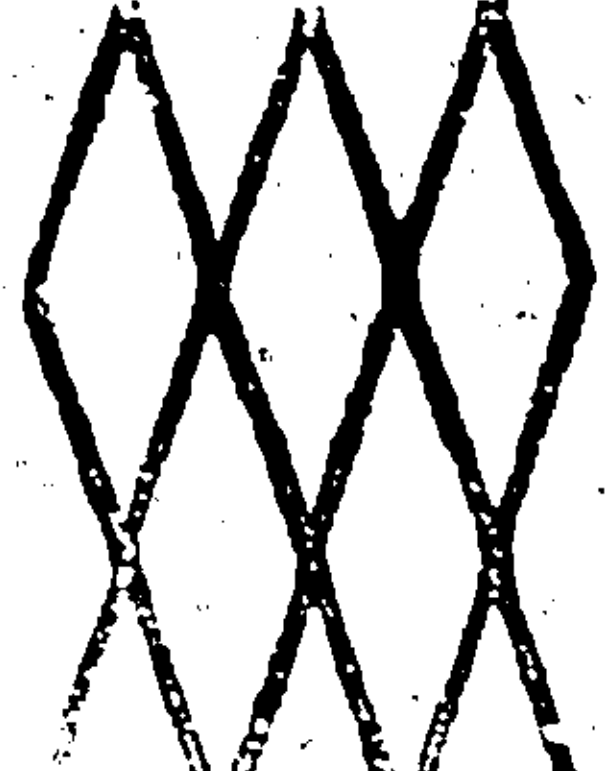
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GENERAL NEWS.

FLAG DAYS OUT OF DATE?

Are the people tired of flag days? The answer suggested by the small support given recently to the Veterans' Flag Day in the City and West-end was "Yes." Ladies stationed at the Mansion House and near the Royal Exchange complained of poor trade, and at one depot not a single seller reported.

OPIUM GOING STRONG.

Opium is now sold so openly at Chungking, Wansien and Fuchau that opium smoking sampans come alongside the vessels at anchor in the harbours at these ports with their wares displayed for sale. The shelter of darkness is little worried about, day-time being preferred by the opium sellers. The greatest offenders in this line are the Chinese soldiers and also they are responsible for the major part of the opium that is smuggled. The Chinese crews on the up-river steamers are practically forced by them to smuggle opium and should they fail to do so the soldiers take some action to intimidate them. The crews of vessels are accordingly greatly afraid of the soldiers and rather than incur their enmity they smuggle indiscriminately.

SOME SOLDIERS.

On November 18, two European revenue officers of the Chinese Maritime Customs, at Wansien on the Yangtze, were informed that on a vessel lying at anchor in the harbour would be found several packages of opium. They accordingly searched the vessel and found seven piculs of the drug. This was taken ashore and weighed, and it was about to be placed in safe keeping when ten Chinese soldiers appeared led by a Chinese officer, with rifles and fixed bayonets. Presenting these at the Customs officials they demanded the opium that had been seized. The Customs officers, being unarmed, had to comply and taking the opium the soldiers marched away. H.M.S. Teal arrived the following day to investigate the matter. This constitutes an outrage and one of many similar occurrences that transpire numerous times each year.

WORKHOUSE REGIMEN DENOUNCED.

A strong protest was made by the Rev. J. L. Davies at a meeting of the Llanfyllin Board of Guardians recently Mr. Davies complaining that the last daily meal served to the inmates of the workhouse at 5.30, and he asked his fellow-members how they would like to go to bed without a substantial supper. Mr. Davies said that two members of the Visiting Committee some time ago reported that the inmates looked dejected, and they even hinted that they looked hungry. There was a good deal of criticism of those members for venturing to say that. When he visited the house later he noticed the same, but did not like to say so. The Chairman said that against one report to the contrary they had hundreds that the inmates were contented and happy. Upon the Board taking no action the rev. member remarked that it was not Christianity. If anyone had an ounce of Christianity it would move him to pity for these poor people.

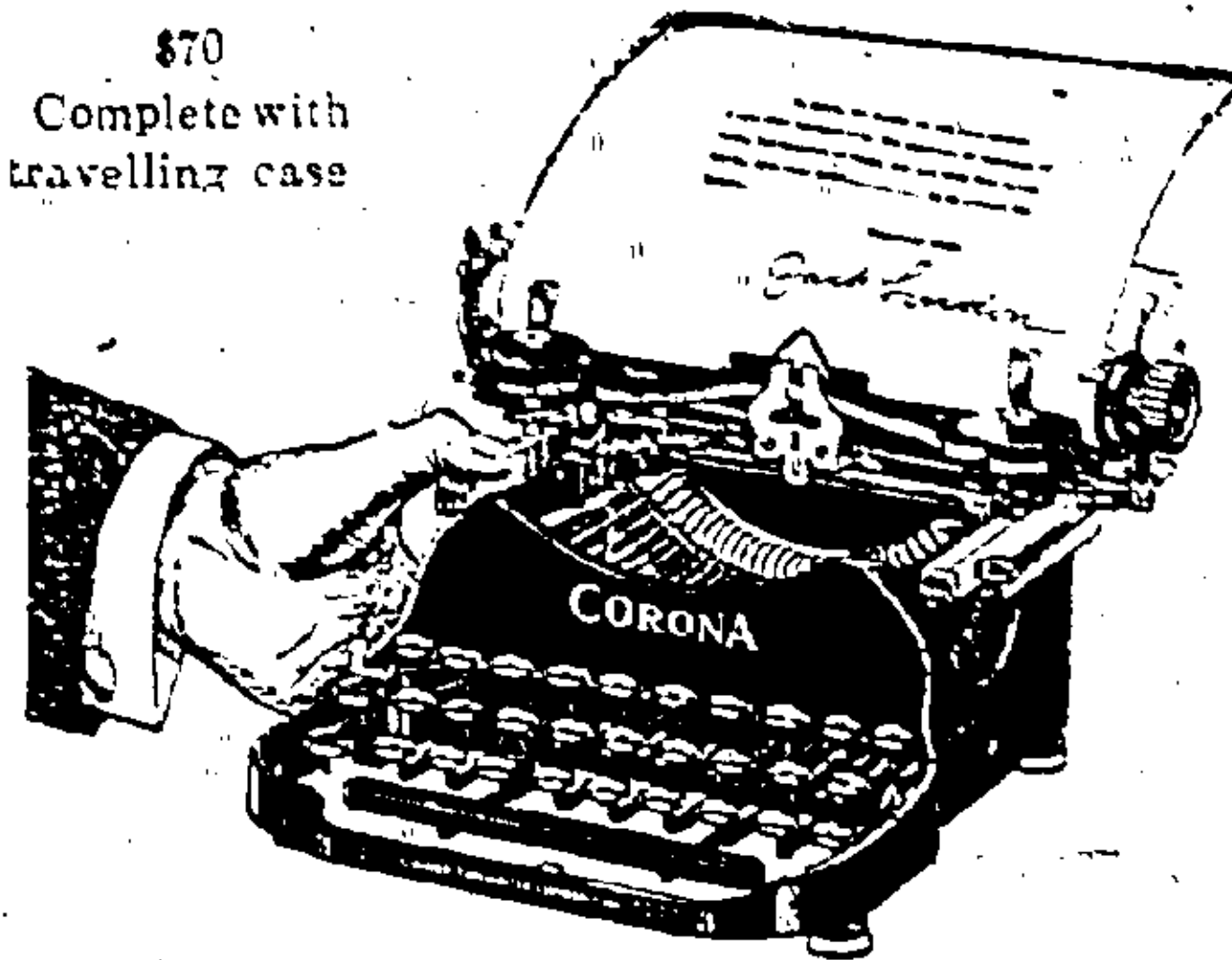
DRINK CONTROL.

Sir Edgar Sanders, general manager at Carlisle under the Control Board, addressed the Durham Citizens' League recently on the State management of the liquor trade in Carlisle. He said that the reason the State had embarked on that enterprise was not to carry out a great social experiment, but because of the gross conditions prevailing at Carlisle. It was the first piece of constructive licensing reform undertaken with the prestige and authority of the Government, and it showed that the liquor trade could be carried on subject to reasonable regulations without detriment to the well-being of the community and without undue interference with the liberty, tastes, and preferences of a large mass of the population. The Dean of Durham said the records of Durham Assizes showed that drink lay at the root of nearly all the crime. Prohibition, in his view, was an impossibility, and he thought that the United Kingdom Alliance had stood in the way of reform by asking more than the country would accept and refusing to take less. He had never been able to accept the policy of local option. If the control which had been in operation in Carlisle could be extended over the country, Great Britain would become a sober country. He was in favour of State purchase, because by it they would get rid of private interests, which were the root of the evil.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO.

Mexico City, Jan. 5.
Scores were killed in a widespread earthquake on the 3rd. Heavy damage resulted, particularly in Vera Cruz province. The earthquake was felt throughout the country. Thirty dead were counted in the village of San Juan in the province of Coscomatepec. Many houses were destroyed in a similar catastrophe at Huatusco and there were fifty dead at Jalapa. The disturbances caused consternation in the large cities. Three shocks were felt, one of terrific intensity. There was indescribable panic in the capital, the populace fleeing to their homes and to the churches. The steeple of San Juan Church fell on crowds of praying refugees. Later accounts report the destruction of entire villages.

FOODSTUFFS FOR AUSTRIA.

London, Jan. 4.

The Supreme Council has decided to address a fresh pressing appeal to the United States to grant the requisite credits for the purchase of provisions for Austria.

Paris, Jan. 5.

The delivery is urgently needed of foodstuffs which the Allies agreed to supply to Austria, and which have been delayed owing to the Allies inability to advance the credits in dollars necessary for the purchase thereof in America. The latter has not yet replied to a request for a loan.

A NEW RUSE.

New York, Jan. 5.

Federal agents assert that recent arrests have disclosed a conspiracy of the Russian regime to disrupt the currency of the world by flooding the Allies with counterfeit money which is being turned out in Moscow by millions.

EX-GERMAN LINER ON FIRE.

New York, Jan. 5.

One hundred thousand dollars damage has been caused by fire on the ex-German liner Pretoria, recently handed over to Britain by the United States Shipping Board and which was ready to sail to England.

ENFORCEMENT OF U.S. PROHIBITION.

Washington, Jan. 4.

The Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of the Prohibition Enforcement Law and also that the sale of beer containing over 2% per cent. of alcohol is illegal.

DOLLAR EXCHANGE GAMBLE.

London, Jan. 4.

A correspondent from China of "The Times" trade supplement, dealing with China and referring to the rapid rise of the dollar and the price of silver generally and the belief that this is due to Chinese hoarding of silver, suggests that some shortage may be accounted for by the revolutions in China and Russia destroying confidence and causing a Chinese demand for cash instead of notes. He says this is a most serious problem and demands immediate attention. Only experts can determine whether the best solution is to immediately establish foreign control of the finances of China by means of loans for the introduction of a gold standard, but one cannot help suspecting the banks in the matter of keeping China a silver country for they reap a rich harvest from all exchange fluctuations and transactions. The sooner the gambling element in exchange is counteracted the better for the trade of the Far East.

THE MILNER PROCLAMATION.

Cairo, Jan. 4.

On Jan. 3rd the Nationalist envoys are proceeding to Paris to consult immediately with Zaghul Pasha regarding the Milner proclamation.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

JAPAN'S CANADA IN ASIA.

Paris, Jan. 3.

The "Matin," commenting on the reported free hand in Siberia which America has conceded to Japan, says the fear of Bolshevism has conferred on Nippon a supremacy which neither her military triumphs in the Russo-Japanese war nor the negotiations with the Entente during the European war were able to conquer for her. In the culmination of a year of wise diplomacy Japan has attained her aim to be alone in Siberia. Henceforward she has her Canada. The vast Siberian pastoral, mineral and agricultural resources which are infinitely more considerable than imagined, may well be considered as an Asiatic Canada. The "Matin" says this great and significant step gives Japan a formidable empire in the course of formation.

Paris, Jan. 3.

French papers, discussing Japan's mission in the Far East, declare the news that the fact that America leaves Japan a free hand in Siberia is a great historic event, the fear of Bolshevism having conferred a supremacy which neither military triumphs in the Russo-Japanese war nor negotiations with the Entente during the war had been able to obtain. Japan has attained the object of being alone in Siberia and has now her Canada in the huge agricultural and mineral resources of Siberia, which are infinitely greater than generally thought.—Havas.

JAPAN'S NAVAL PLANS.

London, Jan. 5.

The "Daily Mail" correspondent at Sydney states that Japan's announcement that she intends to spend £75,000,000 on an eighty years naval programme, of which £30,000,000 will be spent in 1920, causes uneasiness in Australia, where the scheme is regarded as a further whittling of the League of Nations and limitation of armaments proposals. Japan's contention that the programme is necessitated by the responsibility given by the Pacific mandate is ridiculed, the argument being that 207 new warships are not required to police the Carolines and Marshalls. The Sydney "Evening News" declares that Japan's action is certain to create a reaction throughout the world.

NOXIOUS DRUGS IN CHINA.

London, Jan. 3.

The "Times" refers to the immense and increasing quantities of noxious drugs being cultivated or smuggled into China. Unscrupulous Britishers and Americans are concerned in the smuggling. Japan is undoubtedly the principal distributing centre from which the drugs enter China. It refers the suggestion to competent judges and says the Chinese authorities are winking at the extensive renewal of poppy cultivation in China, although it strenuously agitated for the suppression of Indian opium export to China. The "Times" says it does not join in the charge of bad faith but prefers to believe the Government has done its best to enforce prohibition, although clearly it has not succeeded, owing to the weak power of the central authorities since the revolution and the independent attitude of the provincial Governors, who are not too nice how they obtain needed money. The "Times" trusts that all the Powers will pass the requisite legislation to prevent the exportation of noxious drugs to China without delay, as the Peace Treaty prescribes.

WILHELM'S INTRIGUES.

London, Jan. 4.

The ex-Kaiser in a letter to the Tsar, dated 30th May, 1898 (published in the "Morning Post") alleges that a "celebrated British politician" sent for the German Ambassador and offered him a treaty of alliance with Germany, which was urgently renewed later in the year, but "by my commands it was coolly and dilatorily answered in a colourless manner." The Kaiser declares that the request was renewed a third time accompanied by enormous offers showing a wide and great future opening for Germany. He asks the Tsar what he will offer and will do if he refuses the proposed alliance which is to be with the triple alliance with the addition of Japan and America, with whom negotiation had been opened. In letter dated 18th Aug., 1898, the Kaiser says England now and then reopened negotiation but had never quite shown her hand. "They are trying hard, as far as I can make out, to find a continental army to fight for their interests but I fancy they will not easily find one, at least not mine."

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

OBSCURE TURKEY.

Paris, Jan. 3.
The news that the Ottoman Government will be expelled from Europe and that the fate of Constantinople has been settled by the Allies is now stated to be at least premature.—Havas.

London, Jan. 4.
A message from Constantinople forecasts the decisions of the Peace Conference in regard to Turkey especially the rumour that the custody of the Straits will be taken from Turkey. It has created a deep impression here. Officials declare that the Government will send delegates to Paris to bring the Peace Treaty to Constantinople in order to submit it to the approval of the country. The Porte will then make counter proposals and if the Allies do not accept these Turkey will not sign the Treaty. It is stated that the above message is unofficial and that possibly circumstances may arise which will modify the present intention of the Turkish Government.

PARIS TO SAIGON BY AIR.

London, Jan. 4.
The French aeroplane which is going to Saigon, as mentioned on Jan. 3, departed for Athens on the same date.

Paris, Jan. 5.
Plans for a Paris-Saigon flight, in which the civilians Drouilh and Desnoyelles have started, have been carefully prepared. The flight will differ from previous long-distance flights inasmuch as a hydroplane will be used instead of an aeroplane, and the aviators propose to follow rivers and lakes in order to be ready for a forced landing if necessary. The machine has a double motor of 250 horsepower. The route will be via Naples, Athens, Antioch, Bassora, Bandarabass, Karachi, Allahabad, Chittagong, Rangoon and Bangkok, a total distance of nine thousand miles.

FRENCH ARMY RECRUITS.

Paris, Jan. 5.
Eleven thousand young Alsations and Lorrainers will begin a period of military service in France on January 25.—Havas.

FRANCE AND THE ARGENTINE.

Paris, Jan. 5.
France proposes to renew every three months the Franco-Argentine commercial treaty.—Havas.

THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY.

Paris, Jan. 5.
Preparation for the Presidential election on January 17 are actively under way at Versailles Palace.—Havas.

DR. MORRISON SERIOUSLY ILL.

London, Jan. 3.
Doctor Morrison, adviser to the Chinese Government, is seriously ill at a nursing home in London. He has undergone a third operation.

THE SEINE FLOODS.

Paris, Jan. 5.
The official forecast is reassuring concerning the Seine whose tributaries are falling in level. News from the provinces is generally satisfactory.—Havas.

OBITUARY.

Paris, Jan. 5.
The death is announced of Paul Adam, the French writer.—Havas.

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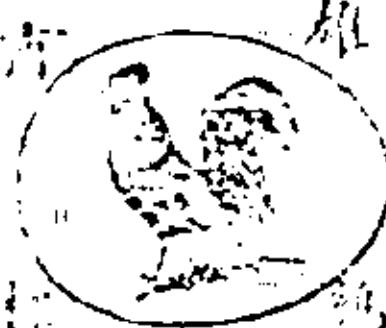
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NAVIES OF THE AIR.

REMINISCENCES OF SIR PERCY SCOTT.

It is as a gunnery expert that Admiral Sir Percy Scott is known to the public, and in his reminiscences, recently published by John Murray he relates in simple, sailor-like terms his struggles for efficiency in the face of opposition that would have discouraged a less persistent man.

Steam was secondary to sails when Sir Percy Scott joined the Britannia as a cadet in 1886—one of his fellows was Lord French—and for years afterwards he found that more importance was attached to "housemaid" a ship than to training the crew in fighting her.

"It was customary," he declares, "for a commander to spend half his pay, or more, in buying paint to adorn H.M. ships and it was the only road to promotion." On the prettiest ship he ever saw, the Alexandria, the officers had spent £2,000 in decoration, and when he was commander of the Duke of Edinburgh "the nuts of the bolts on the aft deck were gilded, the magazine keys were electro-plated, and statues of Mercury surmounted the revolver racks."

In these circumstances (he comments) it was no wonder that the guns were not fired if it could be avoided, for the powder used had a most deleterious effect on the paint-work.

Scott's spirit chafed against this system, and his natural aptitude for gunnery, together with his talent for invention, brought him repeatedly into sharp conflict with the authorities as constituted in the Admiralty—concerning which body he does not mince his words or veil his criticisms.

A week before he went into action Sir Percy's elder son, a midshipman of sixteen, who was lost in the battle of Jutland, said to his father:—

"If we have a scrap, our gunnery lieutenant says we shall not have a dog's chance as our extemporised director which we have rigged up is not reliable, and the Germans can outrange our guns."

"My midshipman son was quite correct; they had not a dog's chance," remarks the Admiral bitterly.

As to the future of the Navy, Sir Percy regarded the surface battleship as dead before the war, and I think her more dead now, if possible.

He has great faith in the future of aircraft, however, which he expects to develop rapidly in the next few years.

"Probably," he adds, "we shall also have submersible battleships of 10,000 tons. What chance will the surface battleship, presenting a huge target, have against such vessels?"

PARLIAMENTS FOR EN LAND.

THE TREND OF DEVOLUTION.

The Speaker's Joint Committee on Devolution made a distinct advance recently in mapping out the plan on which they shall approach the consideration of the matters embraced in their terms of reference.

Previous meetings were concerned with the question as to what were the areas to be dealt with, and in this connection it is understood that at the outset the Speaker decided that Ireland must be included, since the reference to the Committee applied to the United Kingdom. If became necessary then to consider what the units of legislative administration should be. Whether they should consist of the component countries of the United Kingdom, as separate entities, or otherwise.

It early became accepted that the areas of Scotland and Wales lent themselves easily to separate treatment as distinct units; Ireland was debatable; England became the most serious problem.

A suggestion was made that the powers to be devolved might vary in importance according to the size of the unit; so that if England remained undivided she would have powers that preponderated over all other units. This was naturally objected to by the champions of the other countries.

There seemed nothing for it, therefore, but the partition of England itself. A new hierarchy seems to be the solution, with Parliaments for Scotland, Wales, and Ireland allied.

But it is as yet very much in the air. The question of the partition of England, equally with that of the possible partition of Ireland, has yet to be tackled in earnest and in detail.

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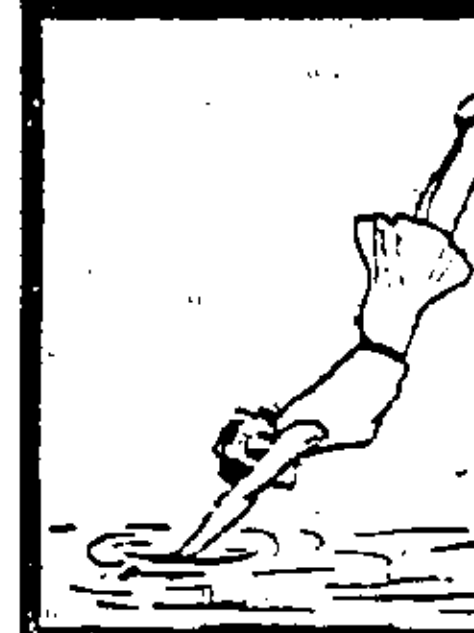
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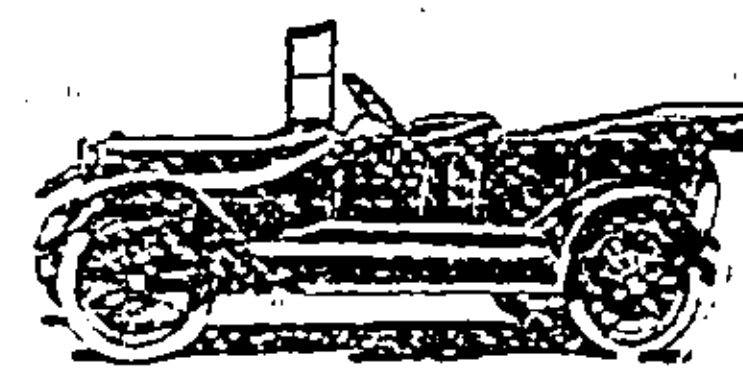
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DEVELOPMENT NOT DOMINATION.

There must have been quite a deal of local interest aroused by the telegram recently received which indicated that in connection with the anticipated trade fairs this year great schemes are being prepared by British traders to give Britain "domination" in the world's markets. Let us at once say that we do not like the word "domination" and we do not want to see anyone cut for domination and the use of the word in the present connection gives an entirely false aspect to things. What traders are out for, and what we hope to see them achieve, is a fair and proportionate share of the world's trade. Britain has a big hold to keep and there is legitimate room for her trade expansion, and it is encouraging to learn that a move is being taken along the lines of propaganda to secure that expansion. Judging from all reasonable indications, the present year is going to witness a boom in trade and it should rightly witness also a boom in the "push" and enterprise of British commercial men.

But perhaps the most interesting portion of the message for Hongkong was that which told of how a British Empire Exhibition will possibly be held in two or three of the principal commercial centres of the Empire every year, much on the lines of the present British Industries Fair. The scheme is primarily designed to interest buyers in the overseas Dominions and it is intended that they should be held in South Africa, Australia, Canada, India and other places. The goods exhibited will go from one show to another, so that the utmost publicity will be gained with the minimum of expense and inconvenience to buyers and merchants generally. We are also told that the goods shown will be those for which a big demand exists and for which greater development is required in any particular market. All this sounds very nice and reasonable and will possibly be productive of a great deal of good, but it would have been a little more illuminating if there had been some indication of what is meant by "other places." Not only is attention needed in the Dominions but also in those important out-posts of British influence and trade such as our own Colony. Not even the most flourishing British trader here will deny that there is a great deal of room for expansion—an expansion that would be well-worth time and money to secure. Competition for trade with China was perhaps never more keen and certainly a more potential market than China would indeed be hard to find. If it could be demonstrated in Hongkong and Shanghai by an Exhibition that British manufacturers can supply goods to a far greater extent than now and goods of the quality and price needed, it would be a valuable thing for commercial men here. One wonders if some representation could not be made by the newly-formed Association of British Chambers of Commerce to secure an exhibition of the kind indicated. Perhaps something has already been done in that direction and, if so, it would be interesting to hear of it. But, on the other hand, if a move has not yet been made, it strikes the ordinary lay mind that it would be a venture well-worth of combined action on the part of all the British Chambers.

As we have indicated above, we do not like the perpetual use of superlatives when referring to things British. By all means have a trade development and use every chance of fair-play to get it, but let us put aside such phrases as "domination" and "mastery." We have no right to use them any more than any other nation has, and when others do use them we think it, to say the least, a little bit "cheeky." In referring to the development of the Empire's aerial service a short while ago, Reuter was speaking about the mastery of the air, as though such a thing, if ever possible, was Britain's by right. By her geographical position Britain has to keep a large naval force capable of adequate defence, but the phrase "Mistress of the Seas" has been at the root of a fair amount of misunderstanding and distrust even as recently as the drafting of the Peace Treaty. People who like to use such terms make themselves appear closely allied to braggers, and it is the reverse of wisdom to keep boasting of what other nations are sometimes jealous of and even sometimes afraid of. These are days in which there is a very great need of trust and to use terms like "domination" and "mastery" will do more to kill that trust than anything else. And so it is that, whilst welcoming the attempts at trade development, and whilst urging British traders here to do all that they can to help in the development, we hope that there will never be anything more aimed at than a fair and proportionate share and that there will be nothing beyond that ever claimed. Competition is not only the healthiest thing in business, but it is the very soul of it. As Britishers we will compete and to us will come only as much as we are entitled to.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

BALLROOM TROUBLES.

If the St. George's Ball, which was a social success reflecting the utmost credit on all who were concerned in its arrangement, emphasised one thing more than another, it was the keen necessity which exists for a better set of public rooms. We don't know how many people attended the function—over a thousand, we should imagine—but we do know that by reason of the cramped accommodation enjoyable dancing was altogether out of the question. Not only was it impossible to "trip the light fantastic" without colliding with someone else; when the floor was most crowded no couple could even walk around either hall without the same result.

After all the pains and care, to say nothing of expense, involved in arranging a function of this character, it is a little disheartening to feel that the chief enjoyment of the evening—dancing—should be marred for these reasons. Of course, everybody had a good time, but that was in spite of the space conditions which prevailed, and not because of them. Incidentally, we may remark that complaint is often made at these big dances at the fact that military officers who attend are required to wear spurs. It is true that these are always "blind" spurs, but in a crowded ballroom they can do not a little damage to ladies' dresses, besides which we have heard of more than instance in which dancers received nasty jabs on the ankles from these unessential adornments. After all, it's a dance these gentlemen are attending; not a riding school. They themselves would appreciate relief from the necessity of wearing spurs, we feel sure. But that's a digression.

A DECIDED NECESSITY.

To come back to the question of the lack of a really large public hall, few, if any, will deny its necessity. We hear that the Engineers' Institution, which is holding a Ball on the 30th instant, is greatly bothered over this matter of the inadequacy of the floor space at the City Hall. But they will have to put up with it, for it is the best that Hongkong can do. To limit the number of guests at such a function would be an extremely awkward and difficult procedure. So we shall have to rub along with what we have for the time being. But the day must come when Hongkong will have to build a new and thoroughly up-to-date theatre and assembly rooms. Personally we do not think that this is a suitable form for the proposed War Memorial to take. If it is a necessity for the public life of the Colony, then it is the duty of the Government to provide it, just as Municipalities do at home. At any rate, the present block of buildings is little short of a disgrace to the Colony. That has long been realised. But when is someone going to get busy on the matter? OUR WAR MEMORIAL.

Mention of war memorials gives us an opportunity to refer to Shanghai's decision, which is to erect a Cenotaph, which is to be paid for by public subscription, plus possible grants from the Municipal Council. That resolve does Shanghai every credit. It seems that all utilitarian projects were turned down, the idea being to express by the memorial feelings of honour and remembrance. That is as it should be with war memorials—they should be expressive of thankfulness for all who went to fight and be a lasting remembrance of those who made the supreme sacrifice. What Hongkong is going to do, we have not yet heard. It is about time a decision was reached, anyhow. Why, at home most towns have not only decided on the form of their memorials, but have had them erected and unveiled. When will Hongkong wake up? When a decision is reached, we do trust that something along the same lines as Shanghai has resolved upon will be the result. Why not an exact copy of the Cenotaph which was erected in London and which created such a deep impression on everybody?

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the Hon. Mr. C. Severn C.M.G., Captain J. E. Warner, Private Secretary, and Captain H. S. McGrath, Aide-de-Camp, yesterday visited the Cadets in camp at Lown under the Command of Lieutenant A. O. Brown.

In the evening, His Excellency was the guest at dinner of the Hon. Mr. C. Severn, C.M.G., at "Tanderagee," The Peak.

DAY BY DAY.

ALL HUMAN LIFE IS SACRIFICE. VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY.

Yesterday's health return shows one fatal case of cerebro-spinal fever (Chinese) and one non-fatal occurrence of diphtheria (Portuguese).

Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club are reminded that entries for the forthcoming Race Meeting close to-morrow (Saturday.)

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the annual meeting of the Tennis League is being held on Monday, the 12th instant, instead of the 13th instant.

The Band of the 2nd. Batta. Wiltshire Regiment will play at "The Ring" to-morrow evening for the second night's programme of the Boxing Tournament.

By the Dongola, which left today for Home, there departed the last batch of men of the Manchester Regiment. They are under the command of Lt. Col. Harvey.

The master of the s.s. Japan reports that he passed a waterlogged junk at 1.50 p.m. on the 5th instant in Lat. 28 130 N. Long. 122.59 E., which is a danger to navigation.

Mr. Leefong Ahlo, left Canton for Amoy yesterday afternoon and will return probably within a fortnight. He is preparing to sail for Samoa to take up his new post as Chinese Consul in that remote island sometime next March.

Mr. J. Ralston, Hon. Sec. of the Hongkong Football Association, has forwarded to the Hongkong Devastated France Fund the sum of \$632.82, being proceeds of the Charity Matches held on 27th December. Included in that sum is \$94.17 collected on Boxing Day at the Submarine Flotilla Cup Final.

The Water Return shows that on January 1st the reservoirs in the City and Hill District Works Level contained 1,551,33 million gallons, compared with 1,783.55 million gallons on the same date last year. At the Kowloon reservoir, the figures were 239.45 and 330.24 million gallons respectively.

A Chinese workman at the Naval Yard was today sentenced by Mr. J. R. Wood to two months' imprisonment with hard labour for the theft of a piece of canvas cloth. "Sergeant" Kerrison, of the Naval Yard Police, searched the man yesterday at the main gate and found the canvas concealed on his person.

Monsieur Henri Cayron, of the Far East Oxygen and Acetylene Co., was summoned at the Police Court today with being in possession of dangerous goods, viz. 39 cylinders of compressed oxygen and six cylinders of compressed acetylene, without a license from the Captain Superintendent of Police. A nominal fine of \$1 was imposed.

Complaints received by the Police of the nuisance created by beggars in the business quarters of the town yesterday resulted in the arrest of a Chinese and the infliction of a fine of \$2 by Mr. N. L. Smith today at the Police Court. It turned out that the man had been bound over on a previous occasion for riotous conduct in the last rice riots at Wanchai.

The introduction of the motor-scooter comes at the right moment for Hongkong. The completion of the new road round the Island enables the usefulness of this handy machine to be fully demonstrated. A non-stop circuit round the Island is possible on one of these scooters whose ordinary gasoline tankage capacity is augmented in the cute idea of a hollow handle in which one whole gallon can be stored.

A constable on duty yesterday at Holt's Wharf revealed a new method adopted by a thief of concealing stolen property. A certain Chinese thief stole about three pounds of nails and iron bolts which he put inside the crown of his straw hat. Going out from the Godowns his hat was whipped off his head by the alert constable, and the next moment it rained nails and bolts. Mr. A. Coghill, the Superintendent of Works at Holt's Wharf, identified the iron as belonging to the Company, and the thief was today at the Police Court sentenced to two months' hard labour.

100% PATRIOTISM.

On the evening of the day after St. George's Ball, a note, in the well-known MacWhirter library, delivered at the "Telegraph" office a copy in which was contained the following contribution. No letter accompanied the manuscript and the only information we could elicit from the servant was that "Master O'long sick." After perusal of the effusion, we were in doubt as to its suitability for publication at this time. Presumably it is intended as a suggested speech to be delivered by the President of the St. Andrew's Society on the occasion of the next annual Ball. In any case, we give it for what it may be worth—

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen—

(Here insert felicitations and after assuming a just-crucified expression, proceed as follows.) The late war has stimulated everywhere the spirit of Nationalism. It is still the creed of the moment. Small nations such as—(here insert reference to Ireland should she be in the throes of civil war at the time) are standing up on their own feet, and realising the dream of centuries. The Great War, moreover, has accentuated the international character of modern civilisation, so that Nationalism in these days is not of the old, blatant and provocative type which made for regional isolation. Patriotism, rightly conceived, is fraught with great good, not only for the nation, but for the world at large. (Slight pause here for faint murmur of applause.) During the past two years, in every town and hamlet, memorials have arisen for the brave departed, and the scroll most in evidence is the Latin expression of the sentiment: "It is sweet and glorious to die for one's native land." (Here hear.)

No historian has yet attempted to estimate fully what Scotland did in the Great War. (Pause here for loud cheers.) No social writer or novelist has yet penned a living volume dealing with the life of our great little country during the terrible ordeal of those tragic five years. Unlike my friend, the late President of our sister Society, I am, even at this late date, unable to quote figures sufficiently authoritative to indicate the important part which Scotland, the milch cow of the Empire, played in the recent great war. (Wait for loud applause here.)

In some things, however, made clear and distinct by the war, Scotland stands unrivalled. In the first place, let us never forget, (impressively) quite apart from the ratio of population, that 100 per cent. of the Scotsmen who fought played in Flanders fields were of Scotch parentage. (Cheers.) The next figure I would mention in this connection is with regard to the dress of our splendid lads, Ladies and gentlemen, and Your Excellency, 82 per cent. of these gallant boys, when serving their King, wore the tartan of their country. (Loud cheers.) And further, gentlemen, (with feeling) of that very large number quite 93 per cent. were partial to porridge as a breakfast food in the field. Of the whisky consumed by these heroes, while on leave, up to the present, I regret I have been unable to secure but the most approximate figures (Slight applause here.)

Now, ladies and gentlemen, and Your Excellency, those figures suffice to show that the heart of the Empire is sound and that the spirit of the Scotland of the Stuarts, the spirit of high enterprise and great endeavour, is still a living force. The most dashing troops who served in France always desired to be associated with the Scots, whose stolid reliability was ever in evidence. (Cries of hear-hie-hear.) Scotland's voluntary recruiting record, after considering the paucity of her population, was wonderful and proves that in the race there is ever the vivid spirit of adventure, which R. L. Stevenson and many other writers have brilliantly commemorated. (Applause.)

Since those far-off days of the Union of the Crowns, Scotland, with the help of her hereditary enemy, has expanded into the British Empire. Pioneer pidzin has been our strong suit. We have sent samples of our stock to every land; everywhere they have been approved, and it has ever been our boast that, though scattered over every continent and sea, we have been able to retain our pride of race, keep the Sabbath, our hawbees and most other things. (Here a drink of water should be taken.)

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, and in silence drink to the pious memory of St. Andrew, our Patron Saint.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To The Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")
CHURCH WORK AND THE HIGH DOLLAR.

Sir,—May I through your kindness remind members of the Anglican Church in the Colony that special collections will be made on Sunday next, January 11th, on behalf of the Church's work in this diocese, which has hitherto been supported mainly by sterling grants from England? This is now seriously jeopardised by the heavy loss on Exchange. Friends in England have so far made this up for most of the European Workers but it seems doubtful about their doing so in the future. And they do not make good the loss on Exchange for the Chinese workers, Educational and medical institutions, Orphanages etc. The shortage on these at the moment is estimated at \$4,000. The Hongkong Chinese Church Body has voted \$600 and is lending for one year one of its clergy to supply an up-country station that would otherwise have to be closed. St. Andrew's Congregation, Kowloon, has kindly sent \$355 towards making up last year's loss on Exchange in another case.

The Cathedral Church Body has sent a circular letter to the members of the Congregation and I ask for a generous response to their appeal.

Yours etc.
G. H. VICTORIA HONGKONG.
Hongkong, Jan. 9, 1920.

MARINE COURT.

THIS MORNING'S CASES.

The master of a trading junk was charged before Captain Basil Tylour, R.N., Marine Magistrate, this morning, for failing to furnish the proper name and particulars of the owner of his junk, and its armament, at the Harbour Office on arrival in the waters of the Colony yesterday.

Junk Inspector Rocha said that yesterday defendant reported at the junk office on arrival and also to renew his licence. Witness inspected the junk and demanded that particulars of the armament be produced, which he could not do, stating that it had been removed by the licensee. Defendant stated that he had chartered the junk from the licensee, who was away in the Sun On district.

The case was remanded till to-morrow and bail allowed.

The master of the steam launch, Kwong Kan, was charged for failing to observe the rule of the road, on the 1st instant.

The master of the Government steam tender Stanley, said that at 12.20 p.m. on the 1st, he saw defendant's launch coming from the Praya across the southern fairway. He was going from east to west. Defendant crossed close across his bows, causing him to stop.

Defendant was fined \$20 for carrying eight passengers in excess of the number allowed by his licence yesterday, the master of a boat was fined \$10, or one month.

die for one's native land." The lesson, however, that we need most to learn at the present moment is that there is also a glory in living for our native land. Properly defined, patriotism is not incompatible with a due regard for the susceptibilities of our neighbours. Patriotism in these strenuous days must not be reckoned on a percentage basis. The loudest buzzer's no eye the best bee. A good working definition of patriotism is "self-respect of race" and so defined it needs no commendation to Scotsmen.

Many years ago, a gallant and picturesque figure arrayed in the garb of Old Gaul strode the pavements of our Scottish cities as an animated protest and living reminder of our lost nationality; but patriotism is not a mania for out-of-date habiliments nor an exaggerated reverence for a moribund tongue. It is something more than a matter of kilts and Gaelic, haggis and bagpipe music. It is the desire so to play our part, each in our own particular sphere, that we may be great among the nations. (Loud and continued cheers.)

Gentlemen, I ask you to rise and in silence drink to the pious memory of St. Andrew, our Patron Saint.

WARDER SPEED'S MURDER.

ATTRIBUTES CRIME TO BAD FEEDING.

INTENDED TO KILL J. P.'s.

Yesterday concluded the Magisterial hearing of the case in which Wong Kwong, the goalkicker, is charged with the murder of Warder James Speed and Indian Warder Hernam Singh. The defendant in a long statement to Mr. J. R. Wood complained of the food supplied to prisoners in the Victoria Gaol. He attributed the crime to his being underfed in the prison. Every condemned prisoner was entitled to \$1 worth of food every day, but did not receive more than 20 cents worth. There were over 700 prisoners in the gaol, and each of them was allowed four ounces of beef, an ounce of butter, an ounce of white peas and eight ounces of vegetables. If he had been given proper diet he would not have committed the murder. He did not care if he was sentenced to death, but if it served to improve the conditions in the gaol he would be too happy to die. In their official visits the Justices of the Peace took no steps to redress their sufferings and he submitted that if prisoners were not properly fed it was impossible to expect them to behave well. Defendant's intention was to murder the Chief Warder, the Assistant Superintendent and the Justices of the Peace, who were responsible for the prisoners' sufferings. He mentioned that there were cannon balls, scissors, poles, etc. in the Victoria Gaol, and the hungry prisoners were prepared to commit any crime with these materials. Seventy prisoners including himself planned to escape from prison and each of them made an oath that they would go to any length of violence against the warders if they attempted to frustrate their scheme. With the exception of Principal Warder McLeod all the gaol officials were bad. He had been a hery for eighteen years and had no fear to die.

Defendant was committed by the Sessions, commencing on the 15th instant.

BAD TIMES FOR MONEY-CHANGERS.

OVER A MILLION DOLLARS LOST.

The fluctuations in Exchange during the last year have given Hongkong a crop of bankruptcies amongst money-changers. A large number are closing shop. It has been a very bad year for all the money-changers. The majority of them have lost at least half their capital. There are about 250 money-changers' shops in the Colony, and their loss last year is computed at over a million dollars.

All the money-changers belong to a Guild, admission into which is obtained by the payment of \$500. One of the advantages of belonging to the Money-Changers' Guild is that a member can get small money at the cheapest possible rate. For instance, a money-changer charges 10 cents for changing a hundred dollar note. He only makes half a cent and sometimes a cent, as he obtains the small change from the Guild at 4½ or 4 cents. The money-changer cannot go to the Bank to get his supply of small money. A Bank may give \$50 to \$100 in small money, but that supply is not adequate for the changer's bill. Again, a Bank may give five or ten dollars in silver coins, but not more. If a client of a Bank were to ask for \$50 in silver, the Bank would probably not supply it, because there is a premium on this money.

The lot of a money-changer today is unenviable. He buys sterling notes at six or seven to a pound and keeps a big stock of them to meet the general demand. Exchange goes up as it has, until today when four dollars can buy a pound sterling. They purchase American gold coins at \$30 to \$35. To-day it is down to \$23.

The fluctuating state of the exchange market has taken the gilt off the ginger-bread of the money-changers.

We are requested to state for the information of members of the General and Boxing Committees of the Boxing Association that the first two rows in Block "A" of the ring-side seats will be reserved for them and their guests at the Notices Committee's to-night. There is no previous booking. Tickets of admission, price \$2, may be obtained on entering.

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KOWLOON NOTES.

(BY "THE FERRYMAN")

It is good to learn that the date for the inaugural meeting of the proposed Kowloon Residents' Association has at length been fixed for the 24th instant. Owing to the impossibility of securing a meeting-place on the Kowloon side, the gathering will be held in the City Hall.

The mere fact that a meeting of Kowloon residents has to be held on the Hongkong side strongly points the need of some sort of Public Hall on the other side of the harbour. In this instance, it does not greatly matter, as the meeting will take place just after office hours, when it will be easy for Kowloon folk to attend. But if it ever comes to holding Kowloon residents' meetings after the dinner-hour, it will be a great inconvenience, for those attending, to cross the harbour. Such an inconvenience ought not to be suffered in these days, with Kowloon having such a large population as it has.

I trust that every Kowloon resident interested will make a point of attending this meeting. The Association is being planned in their own interests, and it is up to them to make it a really useful organisation. It can accomplish no end of good. Let's give it a good send-off.

Mr. Pollock, I see, is taking up the housing question in an endeavour to get the various projected schemes thoroughly under way. Kowloon people hope that something definite will come out of his activities. We've waited all too long for "houses and more houses."

The idea suggested by Mr. Pollock that the military establishments on Queen's Road, Hongkong, should be shifted elsewhere to make room for business expansion is a most sensible one. Incidentally, I wish he had also included Kowloon in his proposal, for one of the very best central sites on the peninsula is at present occupied by the Military—refer to the big area along Nathan Road accommodating Whitfield Barracks and Parade Ground. Kowloon is so rapidly growing that for a military establishment to be located in the very centre of it is nothing less than a disgrace. What magnificent building sites the Whitfield Parade Ground would make!

I see that nothing has yet been announced as to where the German war trophies allotted to this Colony are to be placed. Let's hope that Kowloon won't be forgotten. The entrance to the Railway Station would make a good site for one or more of the captured guns. I pass the suggestion on to the authorities for their consideration.

The opening of the Repulse Bay Hotel shows what is being done to develop the outlying parts of Hongkong. Now, what about the Kowloon side? The magnificent new road which brings Castle Peak into such easy reach is bound to popularise that locality, where the facilities for bathing and picnics are unrivalled. One of these days, I hope to see a modern hotel at Castle Peak also. It would be largely patronised by tourists and students alike. I'm sure. Now, Mr. Teggart, what about it?

DAY BY DAY.

Wiseman's Cafe now has a Jazz Band. It played yesterday for the first time and greatly delighted everybody.

A branch of the Portuguese Ultramarine Bank will be shortly established here. The offices will be on the ground floor of the new Lusitano Club.

The personal effects of the late Walter Speed were auctioned this morning at the Central Police Station. A sum of \$225 was realised, which, after transfer into sterling, will be transmitted to his widow. Sergeant Tom Pitt was the auctioneer.

Mr. Lo Cheung-shiu, comprador of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., has resigned in favour of his son-in-law, Mr. Ho Leung, who is the son of the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook. Mr. Ho Leung has been assistant comprador of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co. for some time.

Sergeant Peplow, who has been six years in charge of the Finger Print Bureau, is on transfer to the Sanitary Department as Inspector, whilst Sergt. Marks (of the No. 2 Police Station) and Sergeant Grenmitt, have been promoted to the rank of Inspectors of the Revenue Department.

Among the forthcoming marriages announced are those of Mr. Alister C. Leith, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, to Miss Alexandra S. Gordon, daughter of Mr. A. G. Gordon; and Mr. Charles J. Gerken, of Messrs. Dodwell and Co., to Miss Mary A. Hughes, now en route to Hongkong by the S.S. Empress of Asia.

The public will be interested to know that the Vanity Fair Company is able, through altered shipping arrangements, to give one more performance, which takes place at the Peak Hotel to-morrow night. A most attractive programme is promised. A late car will be available for those from the lower levels or Kowloon who may wish to attend.

I read with much interest the comments in last night's paper regarding the necessity for a better type of ferry-boats than those operated by the "Star" Ferry Company. There is certainly room for improvement in this matter. To my way of thinking, the boats are neither large enough nor fast enough. Moreover, they are not by any means too comfortable, for it is difficult to sit on those flat, hard seats without feeling desirous of putting one's feet up on the seats in front.

I suppose the time will come when we shall get better ferry-boats, though one can well believe that the scrapping of the present fleet and the securing of new craft would be a costly business. One thing, the Ferry Company or late has been doing its level best with the material available, having adopted many practicable suggestions in the interests of the travelling public. This is very much appreciated by Kowloonites.

OPERA SEASON OPENS.

FINE PERFORMANCE OF "CARMEN."

One could begin to write of last night's opera at the Theatre Royal in many ways. One could recall how long ago it is since residents had the pleasure of hearing opera at all; one could speak of the particular opera itself and how it has grown from a despised and rejected work into one of the most popular; or one could animadvert on the practice of starting theatre performances so late here; but, after all, "Carmen" is essentially a philosophic drama, a page from life revealed and told to the accompaniment of exquisite music. It is a story of slighted love, of a ruined career and the tragedy of despair that follows. And it is this, given in the picturesque Spanish setting and amidst the romanticism of the times in which the characters moved, that will always constitute the main appeal. Rich as the opera is in musical excellence, it is richer in dramatic power—a power that has to be infused almost entirely by Carmen herself and her soldier lover, Don Jose. Last evening Miss Burskaya, as the former, and Mr. Daniloff, as the latter, gave those who went to the City Hall an impassioned presentation that was the feature of an undoubtedly successful opening of what promises to be a most successful season.

To attempt a critical review of the presentation, act by act, would be to involve oneself in a lengthy task, and the story of "Carmen" is too well-known to need any further indication. All that can be attempted is a general review. In the rendition of the overture, the orchestra gave indication of many musical treats to come and proved itself well-talented to the tasks before it. Under the baton of Mr. Vasiliev, it rendered the fine music of Bizet in a manner that was wholly enjoyable and pleasing. At times it seemed hardly full enough to give the needed emphasis, whilst at others, the brasses rather overpowered the strings, but that is only *en passant*. To further criticism would be superfluous. The feature of the evening was undoubtedly the singing and dramatic characterisation of Miss Burskaya, who made a Carmen such as was intended. Possessing a highly-trained, clear and flexible mezzo-soprano voice, and infusing into all her work the coquetry of the part, Miss Burskaya was easily the central figure round which all else moved. It would be hard to say which was her most enjoyed effort when all that she did was so fine, but her opening appeal to Jose, "Love is a bird," her song of passion which wins for her her freedom from her captor, and her final rejection of Jose outside the walls of the bull-ring, earned unstinted applause from all present. Mr. Daniloff, as Jose, was also excellent. He possesses a rich tenor voice and, like his lover of last night, has a dramatic instinct that greatly enhances the whole of his work. As Micaela, the peasant lover of Jose, Miss Sazonova, provided some of the most enjoyed items of the opera. As a vocalist she is a soprano of very high rank and her solos in the first and third acts stood out in a class among themselves and deservedly earned high appreciation. The Torador was impersonated by Mr. Ulanoff, who gave a vigorous and rousing interpretation to his famous song and who was, in his acting, the swaggering and pompous figure he should have been. The part of Zuniga, the Lieutenant, taken by Mr. Magsky, is also deserving of a special word of appreciation. For the remainder of the characters there must be the general statement that they were all vocalists of a high standard.

The chorus work, of which "Carmen" is not so over-full, was always enjoyable and exceedingly tuneful. The various parts were given just enough emphasis and one can, without fulsomeness, say that the whole of the work was of undoubtedly high merit.

Operas are usually associated with good scenery and dresses, but to a travelling company having such a long repertoire this is a difficulty, and in consequence one must not look for too splendid a setting. Taking things all round—the music, acting, and general presentation—the Company is deserving of all the patronage that has so far been promised.

Owing to the lateness at which the performance commenced, it was turned 12.30 before the curtain was finally rung down and, in consequence, a good many had

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to leave before the finish. Operas are always lengthy, and it might be a very wise thing if an earlier start could be made. Half-past eight would not be too soon if it could be arranged. Those who were returning to Kowloon last night found a special ferry waiting

for them, a fact that was highly appreciated. This evening "Aida" is being given. A reminder is given that all seats booked must be taken up by to-morrow, or else they will be re-sold.

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Sailings from Hongkong.

"OANPA"	via Suez	15th January.
"ATREUS"	via Suez	28th January.
"ARIOSTO"	via Suez	10th February.

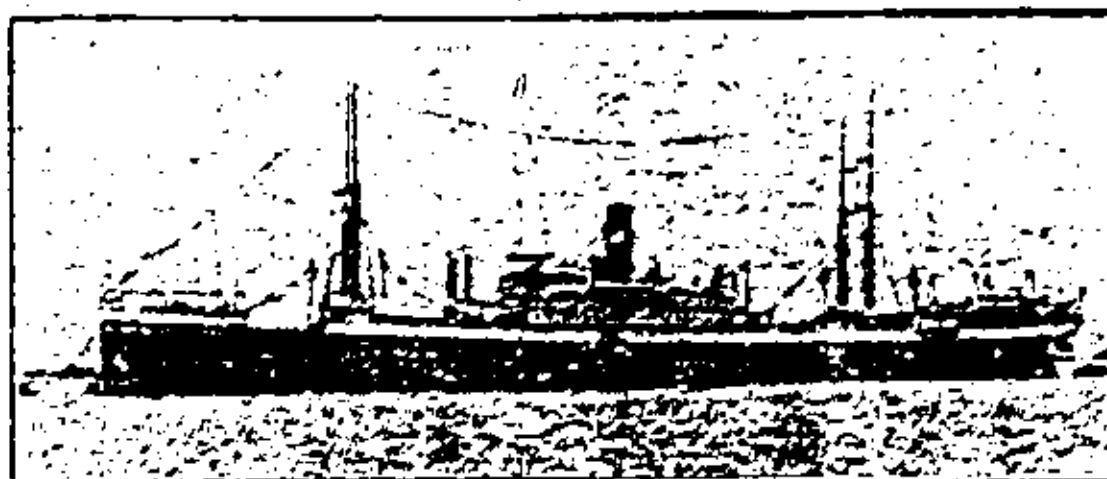
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Tjikadak	Java	13th Jan.	19th Jan.	Shanghai
Tjipanas	Java	17th Jan.	—	—
Tjimanok	Japan	15th Jan.	18th Jan.	Java

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S.S. "CAPE MAY"

Early February.

Via PANAMA.

S.S. "SACAPORACK"

Early March, 1920.

Via PANAMA.

S.S. "WESTERN CROSS"

Middle March, 1920.

Via SUEZ.

For freight space and particulars apply to:—

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. ATSUTA M. (European Line) left London for this port via the Suez Canal on the 13th Dec., and is expected here on the 19th Jan.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KEISHIN M. (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port on the 30th Dec., and is expected here on the 9th Jan.

The China Mail's s.s. NANKING has been delayed in Japan on account of the New Year's holidays and could not, therefore, sail from there before January 4th. She may be expected to arrive in Hongkong on or about January 11th.

The s.s. METHVEN arrived at Shanghai on 2nd Jan. leaves there 7th January and is due at Nagasaki on 9th January.

The P. & O. s.s. UNITA left Singapore for this Port on the 2nd instant at 6 a.m. and is due here on the 10th instant at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. NAGOYA left Singapore for this Port on the 4th instant at 4 p.m. and is due here on the 9th instant at about 4 p.m.

The Admiral L. s.s. EDMORE (from Seattle) sailed from Shanghai January 6th, and will arrive at Hongkong January 9th.

The Admiral Line s.s. CITY OF SPOKANE (from Seattle) sailed from Shanghai, January 6th, and will arrive at Hongkong on January 9th.

The Admiral Line s.s. WAWALONA (from Portland, Oregon) sailed from Shanghai, January 5th, and will arrive at Hongkong on January 9th.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN arrived at Nagasaki on 5th January, a.m. left there 5th January, p.m. and is due at Shanghai, on 8th January.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA arrived at Yokohama on 5th Jan., left there 5th Jan., and is due at Vancouver on 14th Jan.

The N. Y. K. s.s. IYO MARU (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 6th Jan., and is expected here on the 11th Jan.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF ASIA arrived at Yokohama on 6th Jan., a.m. left there 6th Jan., p.m. and is due at Kobe on 7th Jan., due Hongkong 18th Jan.

The Pacific Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of telegraphic advice from its Manila Office to the effect that the s.s. WEST INSKIP, Voyage 1, Out, left that Port on the 6th inst., and is due here on Friday January 9th.

The China Mail Steamship Co.'s s.s. CHINA sailed from San Francisco on Saturday Dec. 27th and may be expected to arrive in Hongkong on or about January 24th.

The N. Y. K. s.s. PENANG M. (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Shanghai on the 6th January and is expected here on the 13th January.

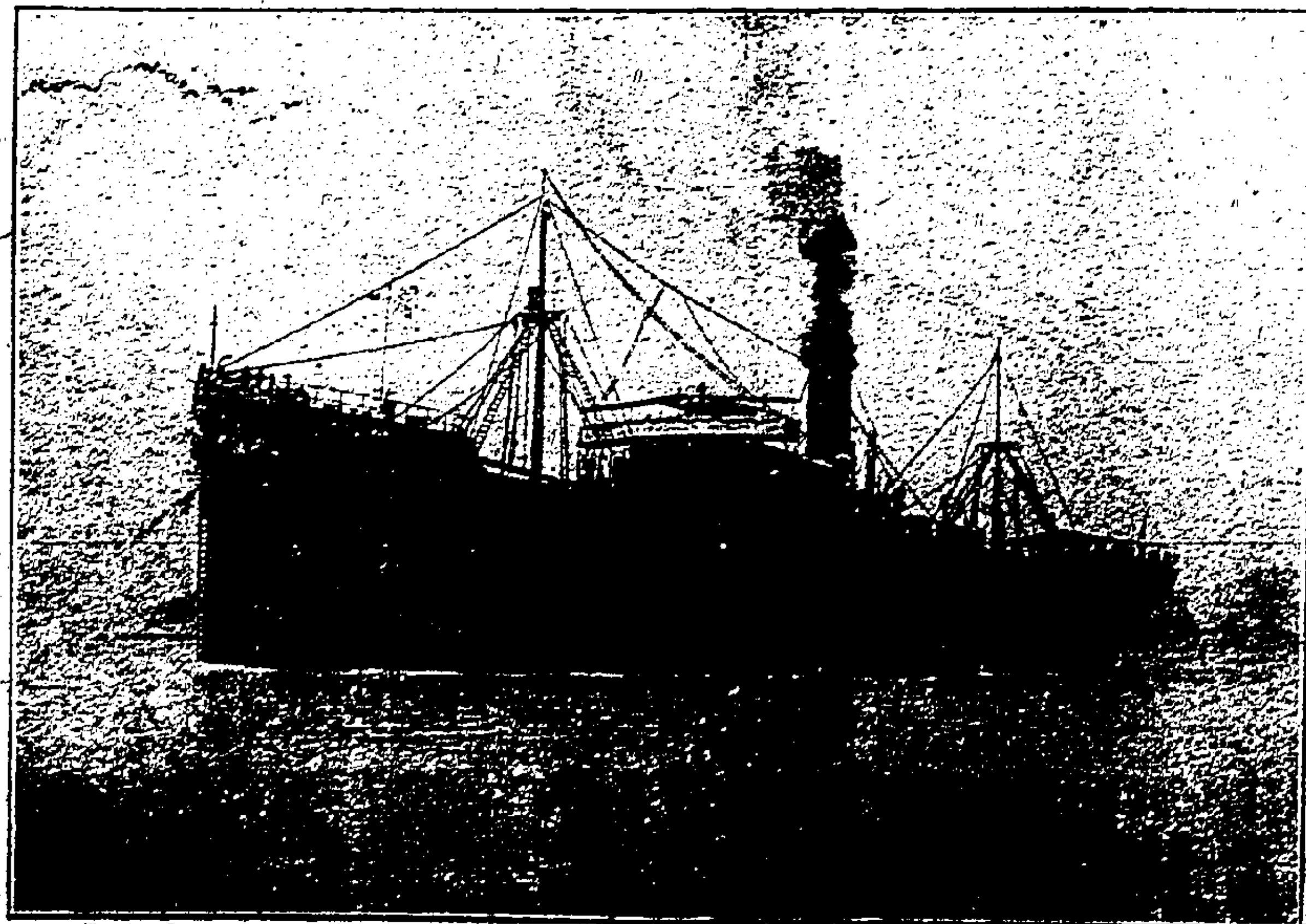
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

ROUNDING THEM UP.

Washington, Jan. 4.

The editorial staffs of all Communist newspapers have been arrested and tons of literature seized. Officials claim to have discovered at Newark, New Jersey, a cache of 25 rifles and several bombs similar to those posted to prominent Americans last summer. It is declared the evidence will show that the Communist and Communist Labour parties, against whom the raid was directed, have been advocating a forcible overthrow of the Government. The literature seized will be carefully examined to discover whether any persons recently arrived from Russia are implicated.

Washington, Jan. 4.

Government agents say they have received evidence that the radicals planned to develop the recent steel and coal strikes into a general strike and ultimately a revolution. The settlement of the coal strike bitterly disappointed the Reds. Officials of the Department of Justice have published a declaration of the principles of the Communist Labour Party declaring that the class struggle is one "by the proletariat to conquer a capitalist State, whether monarchical or democratic-republican, and replace it by a governmental structure adequately adapted to communist transformation." A message from Pittsburgh says that communist literature has been seized containing proposals to overthrow the Government "by direct force."

New York, Jan. 5.

Gregory Weinstein, bearing the title of Chief of Staff of the so-called Soviet Embassy in the United States, has been arrested on a deportation warrant.

New York, Jan. 4.

The arrests in the great raid on extremists total 4,500, of which number over half will be deported.

AMERICAN FINANCE.

Washington, Jan. 3.

It is understood that the Pacific Development Company, including several New York banks, has advanced five million dollars to China with other loans to follow if conditions warrant. The War Finance Corporation announces four loans aggregating seventeen million dollars to manufacturing exporters. This is described as the first step of the Government for the reconstruction of devastated Europe. Included in these loans are sums of five million dollars for locomotives for Poland, five million for electrical machinery for France and Belgium and for agricultural machinery for England, and two million for reconstruction of steel mills for France.

THE ALLIED POWERS.

Paris, Jan. 5.

The "Echo de Paris" states that the United States Ambassador on 3rd Jan. requested that the decisions of the Supreme Council hereafter be not introduced by the words "Allied and Associated Powers" but merely "Allied Powers." It is understood, however, that the Ambassador will informally attend the Council.

COMPENSATION FOR SCAPA FLOW SCUTTILING.

Paris, Jan. 5.

The Supreme Council has adopted M. Loucheur's report of the agreement reached between the Allies and Germany regarding compensation for the Scapa Flow scuttling.

M. Loucheur's report involves the immediate delivery of 192,000 tons of harbour material and the Germans will have to give up a minimum of 300,000 tons.

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

MATRICULATION AND SENIOR LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

The following results for December, 1919, have been issued by the Senate of the University:

Honours List: Goh Tiow Chong, The High School, Malacca.

Pass List: Yeung Shiu Hon, St. Stephen's College; Chau Kwai Nin, St. Stephen's College; Philip Brookes Bamsey Taylor, Diocesan Boys' School; Henry Leslie Fox, Diocesan Boys' School; Abdul Aziz Rumi, Queen's College; Lo Wai Sum, Queen's College; Francisco Vincente Vieira Ribeiro, St. Joseph's College; Ho Man Kai, St. Joseph's College; Kekhasree Hormusjee Erani, St. Joseph's College; Kawn Kriangkrai, Liu Tang kwan, Wei Man-Pao, Cheng Yik kwan, Chai Ching-Yuk, Li Yue-Hau, Chiu Yan-Lok, Cheah Chong-Chee, Woo Yeong-Chong, Ellis Kadoorie School, Shanghai; Kwok Tak-Kum, Public School for Chinese Shanghai; Ng King-ching, Public School for Chinese Shanghai; Hu Cheng Yung, Public School Shanghai; Chang Yu-yen, Public School for Chinese Shanghai; Feng Wah-koh, Public School for Chinese Shanghai; Ho Tsai-shen, Wesley College, Wuchang; Cheng Hsu-ting, Wesley College, Wu-

Chang; Cheng Tao-cheng, Wesley College, Wuchang; Yuen Yip-shan, Griffith John College, Hankow; Wang Ai-ching, Griffith John College, Hankow; Low Ngiong-Ing, St. Andrew's, Singapore; Lui Tso-Tsz, Griffith John College, Hankow; John Graham Anderson.

The following candidates previously referred in English have now passed: Yip Keung-ki, Ying Wah College; Cheung Chung-hen, St. Stephen's College; Chow Wei St. Stephen's College; Wu Tun-zin; Tzee Swasdi Bood-Long.

The following candidates are referred in English: Lee Hsi-lin; Wong Pak-wun; Wang Ai-Sung, Griffith John College, Hankow.

The following candidates have failed in the Matriculation Examination, but are entitled to Senior Local Certificates: Chang Wen-shou, St. Stephen's College; Wang Ai-ching, Griffith John College, Hankow.

Senior Local Examination (Boys) Pass List: Llewellyn Arthur Robert Duncan, Victoria British School, Distinction in Biblical Knowledge; Harry Silas Joseph, Victoria British School; Ng Fook Kwan; Tai Chong Tsao, Public School for Chinese, Shanghai.

Senior Local Examination (Girls): Maria Kacher, Diocesan Girls' School; Mabel Gittens, Diocesan Girls' School; Enid Muriel Cornell, Diocesan Girls' School; Kwok Wing-yuen, St. Stephen's Girls' College.

Senior Local Examination (Girls) Fail List: Mabel Gittens, Diocesan Girls' School; Enid Muriel Cornell, Diocesan Girls' School; Kwok Wing-yuen, St. Stephen's Girls' College.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

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LOST.

Application has been made to this Company to issue to Mr. NEWMAN MUMFORD, a Duplicate Certificate of one hundred (100) shares of this Company, or other Certificate or Certificates in lieu thereof upon statement that the Original Certificate No. 8250 dated September 17th, 1919, for 100 Shares numbered 18, 735 18 739, 36, 782 38 599, 43, 536 573, and 71, 188 71 235, has been lost or destroyed, and Notice is hereby given that if within 30 days from the date hereof no Claim or Representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the Company, it will thereafter be held to be Null and the Company will proceed to deal with such application for a Duplicate Certificate.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 8th January, 1920.

LOST.

LOS.—At St. George's Ball one Limerick lace handkerchief with lawn centre—will finder please notify the "Hongkong Telegraph."

NOTICE.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.
THE FINEST DANCE FLOOR
IN THE COLONY.
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ON
WEDNESDAYS
AND
SATURDAYS
TEA DANCING WILL BE
HELD FROM 4 TO 7 P.M.

AND
DINNER DANCING FROM
8 P.M. TILL MID-NIGHT.
In connection with the DIN-
NER DANCING, it is advisable
to book tables at the Hongkong
Hotel Main Office.

ON SUNDAYS CONCERTS
WILL BE HELD DURING THE
AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.

NOTICE.

DRAGON MOTOR CAR CO.

Motor Busses will leave the
Hongkong Hotel at the following
times:

DEPARTURE	RETURN
3.15 P.M.	7 P.M.
7 P.M.	11 P.M.
8.30 P.M.	MIDNIGHT

The above hours of departure
and return will be strictly adhered
to, irrespective of the number of
tickets sold.

TICKETS obtainable at Hong-
kong Hotel Office or Dragon
Motor Car Co. at \$2.00 return fare.

C. LAURITSEN,
Proprietor.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Members are reminded that
Entries for the forthcoming Race
Meeting close to the Undersigned
TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the
10th January, 1920.

It is requested that all Covers
containing Entries may be delivered
at the Offices of the Hongkong
Jockey Club, No. 3, Chater Road,
(Ground Floor of the Hongkong
Club Annex), before 2 p.m.

By Order,
G. W. GEGG,
Acting Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1920.

NOTICE.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

We beg to advise our patrons
that we have removed our furni-
ture store to 68, Queen's Road
Central.

CHEONG LEE & CO.
Hongkong, 1st January 1920.

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MERCHANTS
BANK, LTD.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

The above Bank has this day
been removed to Alexandra Build-
ings, Chater Road, the premises
recently vacated by the Pacific
Mail Steamship Company.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1920.

NOTICES.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

In the Matter of the Trading with
the Enemy Ordinances 1914-1919.
NOTICE is for general information hereby given that pursuant
to the powers contained in the above Ordinances the under-
mentioned shares and all rights, whether legal or equitable in re-
spect thereof, were vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property,
Hongkong, who pursuant to the said powers has recently sold the
same by private tender and Notice is also given that pursuant to
the aforementioned powers new Certificates in respect of the said
shares have been issued by the above named Company to the
Purchaser and that all other Certificates whatsoever in respect of
the above shares have been noted in the books of the said Company
as cancelled and Notice is further given that in consequence of the
foregoing all outstanding Certificates in respect of the said shares
are valueless for all purposes whatsoever.

The shares referred to above are the following:—

Share holder's name	No. of old shares	No. of new shares	Registered Nos of old shares
The Executors of Mrs. Lucia M. C. Nicase	50	10	34171/34195 inclusive 34196/34220
Wilhelm Otto Christian Spulekhaver	75	15	38369/38393 37687/37711 35813/35839
Dr. Ferdinand Kern	40	8	27305/27314 27315/27324 27325/27334 27335/27344
Norddeutscher Lloyd	4	0	35185/35188
Johann Nicolaus Goosmann	1	0	41989
Carl Heinrich Rogge	10	2	28399/28308
Friedrich Hermann Arholt Fuchs	25	5	11814/11338
C. Rudolf Heinser	15	3	9949/9952 33117 31992/33001
P. Hermeling	25	5	28709/28733
Reinrich Karl Orlorp	10	2	11557/11566
Spindel & Co.	35	7	45951/45960 16324/16348
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Dated this 3rd day of December 1919.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

NOTICE.

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS
AND SHIPBUILDERS.

PRACTICE DANCE FOR
ANNUAL BALL.

Practice Dance will be held in
the City Hall on Friday 10th and
Saturday 11th January at 5 p.m.

Dancing shoes must be worn.
No children admitted.

G. R.

NOTICE.

Licences of private Jinrick-
shas, private Chairs, and drivers
and bearers of the name are due
for renewal on the 1st January,
1920.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
C. S. P.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received
instructions to sell by Public
Auction on

Tuesday, the 13th January,
1920.

commencing at 2.30 p.m.
at his Sales Rooms, Duddell
Street

A Quantity of Valuable Office
and Household Furniture com-
prising:—

Carved cherrywood curio
cabinet, table & chairs, teak
sectional bookcases, teak writing
tables, revolving chairs, teak oc-
casional tables, teak screens, card
table, fine carpets, hand sewing
machines, easy chairs, tapestry
covered drawing room suite etc.
etc.

Teak extension dining table &
chairs, teak sideboards, dinner
waggon, ice chest, teak over-
mantels, pictures, ornaments,
bronze incense burners, dinner
service, electro-plated ware, cut-
lery, glassware etc. etc.

Teak wardrobes with bevelled
mirrors, brass iron bedsteads, teak
dressing tables, marble top wash-
stands, toilet sets, chest of draw-
ers, etc. etc.

Also
A Quantity of Valuable Novels
And

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Several Typewriters (Under-
wood, Remington & Oliver) in
fine condition.

Geo. P. LAMMERT
Auctioneer.

NOTICE.

CHINESE POSTAL
NOTIFICATION

Tenders Required For Motor
Launch

Tenders are hereby invited for
the construction of a 40-45 feet
motor launch for the use of the
Chinese Post Office in Canton.

Draft specification and plans
may be obtained on application to
the undersigned.

F. A. NIXON,
Acting Commissioner.

NOTICE.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of Kowloon Resid-
ents will be held in the Chamber-
of-Commerce Room, City Hall,
on Tuesday 20th January, at
5.15 p.m. for the purpose of in-
augurating the "Kowloon Resid-
ents Association" the principal
object of which is the betterment
of conditions of residence in Kow-
loon and the adjacent territories.

All Kowloon residents, both
ladies and gentlemen interested
in the movement are invited to
attend, and anyone wishing to
join the Association, who have
not already done so, please send
their names to Mr. B. L. Frost,
1 Kimberley Villas Kowloon.

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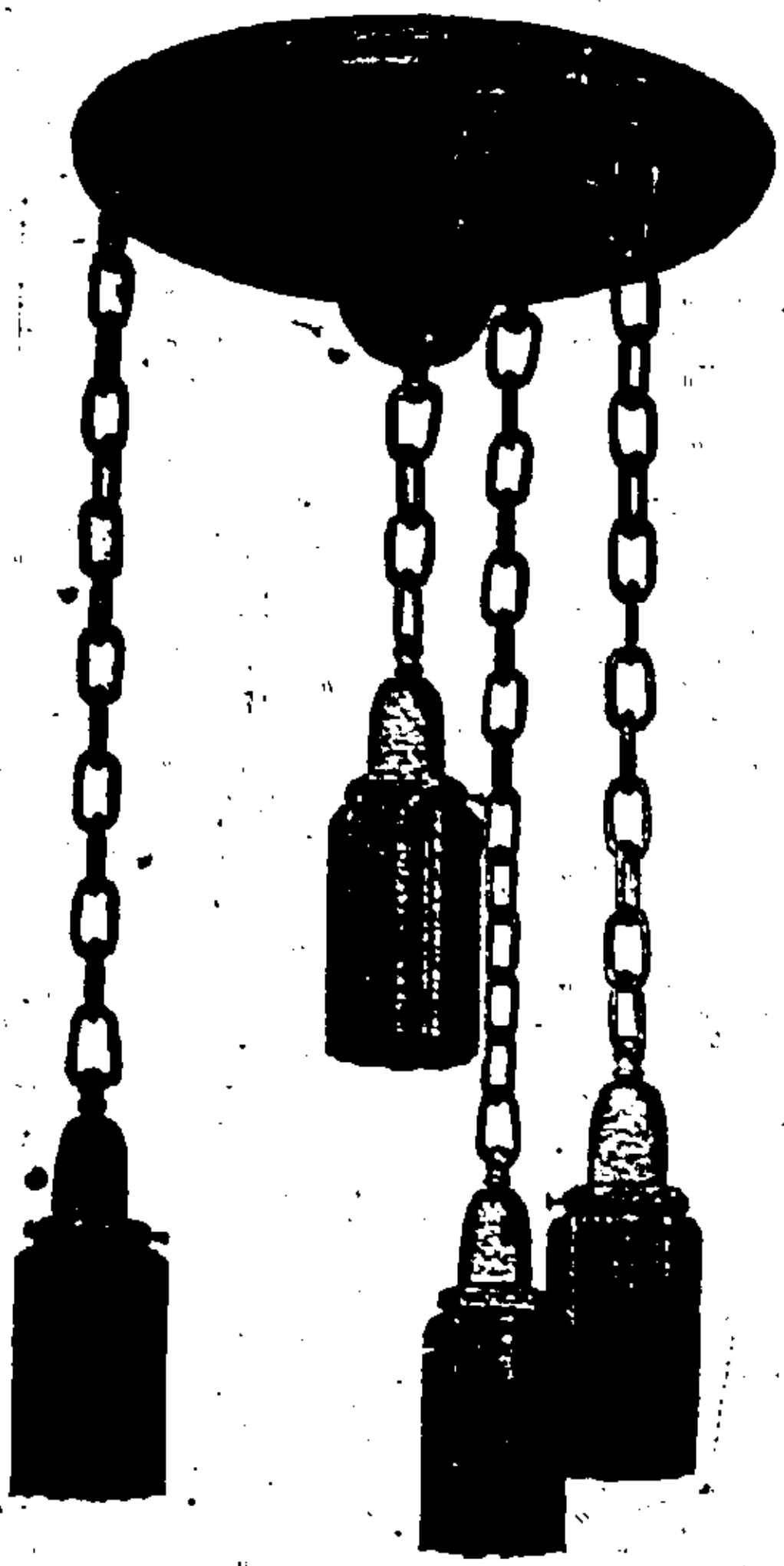
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CONSIGNEES.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE Steamship
"CITY OF SPOKANE"
having arrived from Seattle via
ports, on 9th inst. consignees are
hereby notified that their cargo
is being landed at their risk into
the Hazardous and/or Extra-
Hazardous Godowns of the Hong-
kong and Kowloon Wharf &
Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and
stored at consignees' risk.
Consignees of cargo must pro-
duce an Import permit signed by
the Superintendent of Imports &
Exports, Hongkong before Bills
of Lading will be countersigned.
All broken, chafed and dam-
aged cargo is to be left in the
Godowns, where it will be
examined at 10 a.m. on 15th inst.,
by the Company's Surveyors,
Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.
All claims must be presented
within 30 days of the steamer's
arrival here, after which they
cannot be recognized.
No claims will be recognized
after the goods have left the
Godowns, and cargo undelivered
on and after 17th inst. will
be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance whatever
will be effected.
Consignees are requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for
counter-signature immediately.
U. S. SHIPPING BOARD.
EMERGENCY FLEET
CORPORATION.
PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.
Operating Agents,
5th floor, Hotel Mansions,
Hongkong, 8th January, 1920.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
"EDMORE"
having arrived from Seattle
via ports, on January 9th,
consignees are hereby notified
that their cargo is being landed
at their risk into the Hazardous
and/or Extra-Hazardous Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.,
Kowloon, and stored at con-
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and Exports, Hongkong, before
Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed.
All broken, chafed and dam-
aged cargo is to be left in the
Godowns, where it will be
examined at 10 a.m. on January
16th, by the Company's Sur-
veyors, Messrs. Goddard and
Douglas.
All claims must be presented
within thirty days of the steamer's
arrival here, after which they
cannot be recognized. No claims
will be recognized after the goods
have left the Godowns, and cargo
undelivered on and after Jan.
17th, will be subject to rent.
No fire insurance whatever will
be effected.
Consignees are requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for
counter-signature immediately.
U. S. SHIPPING BOARD.
EMERGENCY FLEET
CORPORATION.
PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.
Operating Agents,
5th floor, Hotel Mansions,
Hongkong, 8th January, 1920.

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CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

S.S. "SHINYO MARU."

From SAN FRANCISCO via
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS
& MANILA.

From SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS via SAN FRANCISCO,
HONOLULU, & JAPAN PORTS.

The above named Steamer
having arrived Wednesday,
January, 7th.
Consignees of cargo are hereby
notified to present their Bills of
Lading for countersignature, and
take immediate delivery from
alongside steamer or the Com-
pany's Godown, where all cargo
impeding immediate discharge
will be landed at consignees' risk.
Storage will be assessed on
cargo remaining undelivered after
Wednesday, January, 14th 1920.
All broken, chafed and damaged
packages will be landed into the
Company's Godowns, where same
will be examined on Tuesday,
January 13th, 1920 at 10 A.M.
No Claims will be recognized
after the goods have left the
steamer or Godown, and none will
be entertained if presented later
than three weeks after arrival of
steamer.

No Fire Insurance whatever,
will be effected.

T. DAIGO,
Manager,
Hongkong, 7th January, 1920.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

LLOYD TRIESTINO

From TRIESTE

The Steamship

"AFRICA"

Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that all goods have
been landed at their risk into the
Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company, Ltd., at Kowloon,
whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forward-
ed unless notice to the contrary
be given before.

No claims will be admitted
after the Goods have left the Go-
dows, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 12th inst.
will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before the 25th inst.
or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and dam-
aged Goods are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be ex-
amined on the 10th inst. at 10 a.m.
by Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been
effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed by

JODWELL & CO. LTD.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 5th January, 1920.

Russian Grand Opera Co.

In consequence of the demand for seats all
bookings will be for cash only for the remainder
of the season. All seats booked must be taken up
before mid-day on Saturday the 10th inst.,
otherwise they will be re-sold.

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THE GREAT SUCCESS IN THE FAR EAST.

TO-NIGHT TO-NIGHT

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Police Permits to leave the Colony are not required.
Further information may be obtained at the Coy's Office, Hotel Mansions
or from Messrs. Thor, Cook & Son, Booking Agents, Hongkong.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in
Reservoirs on January 1, 1920.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER

WORKS LEVEL

From	To	Level
From	10-1	Below
From	10-2	Below
From	10-3	Below
From	10-4	Below
From	10-5	Below
From	10-6	Below
From	10-7	Below
From	10-8	Below
From	10-9	Below
From	10-10	Below

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND

DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

From	To	Level
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From	10-3	Below
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From	10-10	Below

COWLOON WATERWORKS LEVEL.

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Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions

and decimals of gallons during the month of

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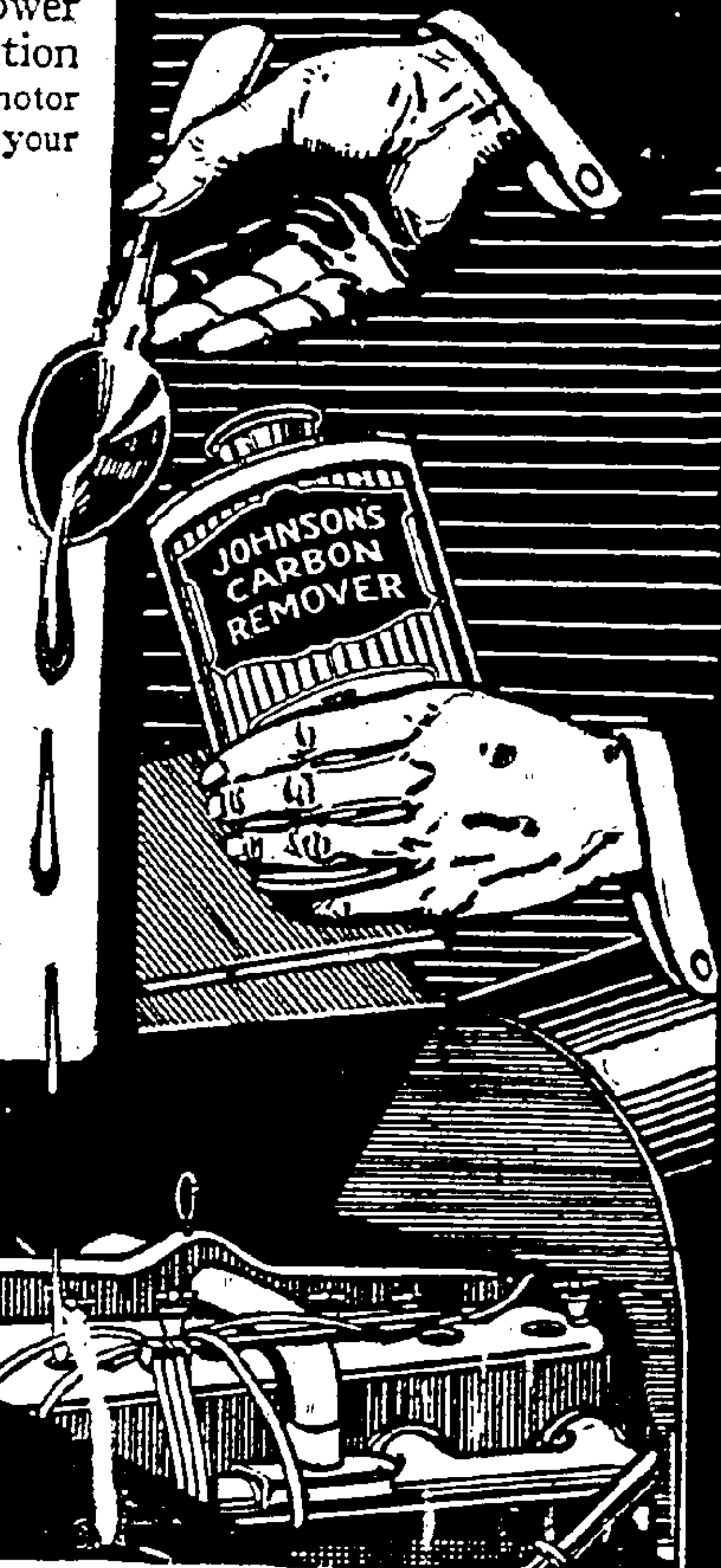
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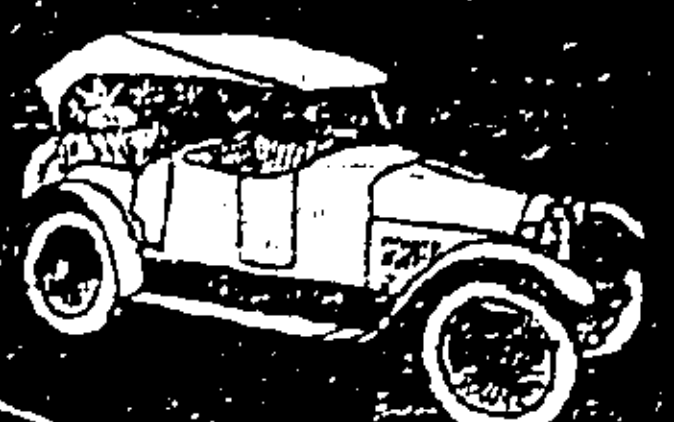
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TO-DAY'S PICTURES.



Photo: Underwood and Underwood.

Scene at one of the railway stations during the recent railwaymen's strike at Home.



A Customs man boarding an aeroplane used in the service between London and Paris.



Sir William Orpen, now working on paintings of the Peace Conference.



The Right Rev. Charles S. Burch, appointed Bishop of New York.



This photo of Cardinal Mercier and Cardinal O'Connell was taken at the latter's residence in Boston.



Baroness von Beecklinshau, who has forsaken her husband, who was a Captain in the Prussian Guards. She is now instituting divorce proceedings in order to recover her American citizenship.



Dr. Ford A. Carpenter

Dr. Ford A. Carpenter, who after 31 years with the Weather Bureau, has been secured by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce as an expert on atmosphere and aeronautical conditions. He will report daily on wind and weather, with especial reference to their safety or danger to aviators.

DOGS OF THE DUFFS

Fell'n Wouldn't Accept the Sarcasm

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CONSIGNEES.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

The Steamship "WAWALONA."

having arrived from Portland Ore via ports, on January 9th, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or Extra-Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on January 14th by the company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after January 17th will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

U.S. SHIPPING BOARD. EMERGENCY FLEET CORPORATION. PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO. Operating Agents. 5th floor, Hotel Mansions. Hongkong, 8th January, 1920.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO.

THE Steamship

"GRACE DOLLAR"

having arrived from San Francisco via Vancouver, B.C. at 10 a.m. on 2nd January 1920, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. and stored at consignees' risk.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the godowns, until Tuesday Jan. 6th, 1920, when they will be examined by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 2.15 p.m. January 6th, 1920.

Claims will not be accepted unless cargo is so examined by said Surveyors, prior to the above date.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns.

All goods remaining after Jan. 8th, 1920 will be subject to rent. No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their bills of lading for countersignature.

THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO. Agents. Hongkong, 2nd January, 1920.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

275,000 CONTRABAND COFFEE. Sir Henry Duke, in the Prize Court recently, condemned, as contraband destined for Hamburg, 275,000 worth of coffee shipped by R. Alves Toledo and Company, of Santos, Brazil, at the end of 1915 and beginning of 1916 to various consignees in Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

CHIHLI DEVELOPMENT. In further connection with the Chihli development scheme which was passed by the Chihli Provincial Assembly recently, this plan provides for a railway from the contemplated port near Chui Ching Ho Kow via Tungshan to Tungshien, 13 miles to the East of Peking, and for a canal via Tongshan to Tientsin, where it will connect with the Grand Canal. The money that must be advanced to realise even the beginnings of this vast development scheme from \$37,000,000 to \$40,000,000—\$3 to be secured on Chihli Provincial treasury bonds. It is anticipated that from five to ten years will elapse between the beginning of actual work on the Chihli development scheme and the completion of the plans cherished by its promoters.

NOTICE.

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LTD.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.	Every 15 min.
1.00 a.m. to 5.00 a.m.	10 min.
5.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	10 min.
11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.	10 min.
12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m.	10 min.
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5.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.	10 min.
11.00 p.m. to 12.00 a.m.	10 min.

NIGHT CARS.

4.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.	9.30 p.m. to 11.45 p.m.
11.40 p.m. every 30 minutes	11.45 p.m.

SATURDAY EXTRA CARS.

SUNDAYS.

NIGHT CARS.

SPECIAL CARS.

By arrangement at the Company's Office, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000.

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NOTICES.



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"THE CIGARETTE OF DISTINCTION."



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NOTICE.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Company, Limited on Wednesday 14th January 1920 at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday 1st January to Wednesday 14th January 1920 (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
A. SHELTON HOOPER
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.
General Agents for the
West Point Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1919.

TIDE TABLE.

5th to 11th January, 1920.

Day	High Water	Low Water	Mean Time
Mon. 5	5:53	4:4	5:28
Tue. 6	6:41	4:5	6:18
Wed. 7	7:24	4:5	7:09
Thur. 8	8:04	4:5	8:00
Fri. 9	8:42	4:5	8:51
Sat. 10	9:18	4:5	9:42
Sun. 11	9:53	4:5	10:33

EXCHANGE.

SELLING.

T/T	5/1 1/2
Demand	5/1 3/4
30 d/s	5/1 1/2
60 d/s	5/1
4 m/s	5/1 1/4
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	215
T/T Japan	192 1/2
T/T India	219
Demand, India	219
T/T San Francisco	96 1/2
& New York	247
T/T Java	247
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	10.30
Demand, Paris	—

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	5/2 1/4
4 m/s. D/P	5/2 3/4
6 m/s. L/C	5/3 1/4
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	5/3 1/4
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	98 1/4
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	10.70
6 m/s. France	10.82
Demand, Germany	—
Demand, New York	95 1/2
T/T Bombay	219
Demand, Bombay	—
T/T Calcutta	219
Demand, Calcutta	—
Demand, Manila	201
Demand, Singapore	215
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	Nom.
On Bangkok	Nom.
Sovereign	3.90 Nom.
Gold leaf per Tael	31.40
Bar Silver, per oz	78
forward	76 1/4

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

DISCOUNT PER \$100:

H'kong 50 cent pieces	par.
" 10 "	\$4 pm
" 5 "	\$53 pm

THE CORONET.

The highest water-mark in the art of dramatic expression has been attained by Frank Keenan in the series of dramatic photographs in which he features. Of this list of successes must be mentioned "The Master Man," the portrayal of which character calls for the best he is able to give of his histrionic talent. His representation of Nathaniel Blake, the iron-willed politician who does not hesitate to remove by unscrupulous methods any obstacles which lie across his path to political notoriety, is impressive. Nathaniel Blake has had occasion to cause, by means of a "tool," the death of a political rival and it is a reflection of the man that when he is accused of the deed he calmly accepts the situation, and later makes a mysterious disappearance. The conviction is gained that he is dead, but in reality he is only lying low. An event then occurs which impels him to reveal himself. There had come into his life of sordid dealings, before his enforced flight, a woman whose lovable personality strikes a soft chord in what would otherwise be a heart of iron. The love he has for her, he recognises as being worth any self-sacrifice which he may be called upon to endure for her protection. This conception of love later brings out the psychological marvel of an unsentimental and selfish man accepting the risk of death by revealing himself to the minions of the law in order to save his loved one from the position of being unjustly accused of the murder of her husband.

This masterpiece was screened last night, along with an exciting Fox comedy, at the Coronet. The value of the programme is undoubted, and it should attract a crowded house to-night, when it is being again

NOTICE.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

President: His Excellency Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., Governor.
Chairman: His Honour Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Chief Justice.

SECOND TOURNAMENT.

At "The Ring", Volunteer Head quarters Parade Ground next (adjoining Lower Peak Tram Station). Specially constructed Matched, capable of holding 2,000.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th and 10th, 1920.

Novices Competitions and Championship Contest.

Friday, January 9th, at 7 p.m. Doors open 6.0 p.m.

Preliminary Bouts and Semi-Finals in Novices Competitions. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. NO

PREVIOUS BOOKING. Cash on admission. Prices: \$2, \$1, and 50 cents. No half-price seats.

Saturday, January 10th, at 9.15 p.m.

(a) FINALS in Novices Competitions.

(b) SIX-ROUND WELTER-WEIGHT CONTEST

Between C.E.A. Hudson, Kowloon Torpedo Depot, and

Stoker May H.M.S. Carlisle.

(c) TEN-ROUND FEATHER-WEIGHT CONTEST

Between Stoker Neal, Kowloon Torpedo Depot, and

Seaman Webb, H.M.S. Ambrose.

(d) FIFTEEN-ROUND CONTEST for the WELTER-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP of the COLONY

Between Sergt. "Sky" Kerrison (Holder) and

Seaman Parsons, H.M.S. Ambrose (challenger).

Doors open at 8.30 p.m.

Prices: Reserved \$5, and \$3, unreserved \$2, and \$1. Men of H.M. Naval and Military Forces in uniform, half-price, to \$2 and \$1 seats.

BOOKING AT MOUTRIES, as follows:—

Wednesday, January 7th—Members of the Hongkong Boxing Association only.

Thursday to Saturday, January 8th—10th—General Booking.

Judges: Lt-Colonel Loring, Major Rapsom, Lt. Ansell, R.N. and Lt. Dickinson, R.N.

Referees: Messrs H.J. Gedge (Official Referee), W. Logan, A. Murdoch and J.S. McCann.

G. G. N. Timson Hon. Secretary.

J. C. WILDIN Manager.

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SMUGGLING BANK NOTES.

A message from Metz states that German customs officers stopped at the frontier a motorcar which was about to cross into France with four persons engaged in trafficking in bank notes.

Notes to the value of seven million marks were confiscated by the German officers.

NOTICE.



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